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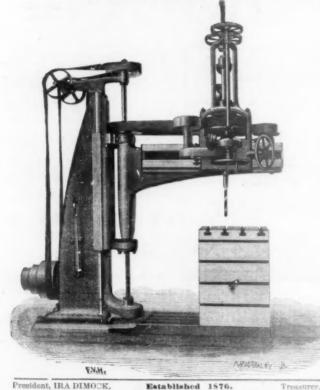
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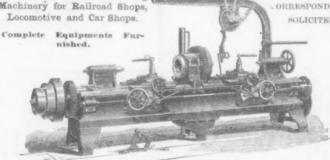
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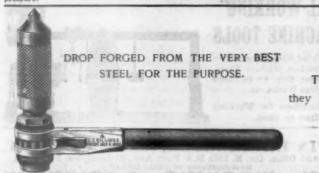
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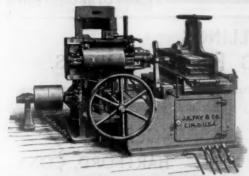
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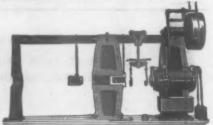
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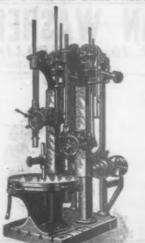
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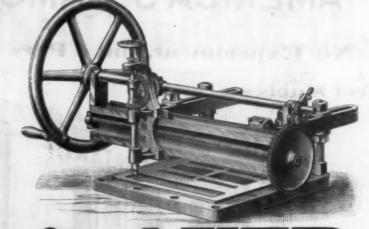
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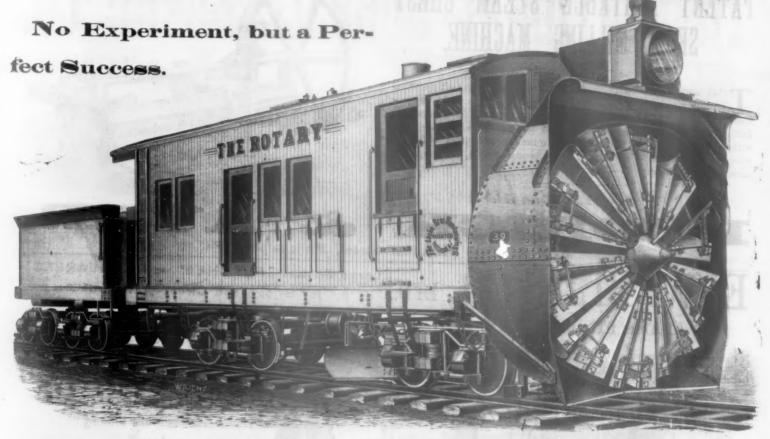
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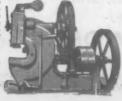


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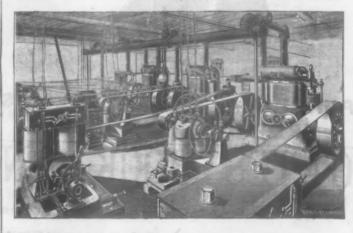
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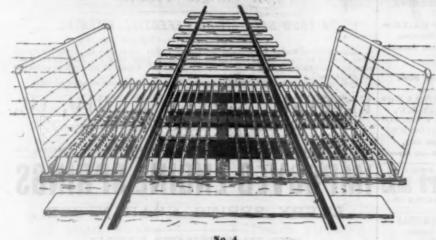
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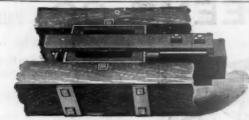
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October,	4.6		-	8	81
November,	6.6	-	.021	48	147
December,	- 66	073	-	80	131
January,	1891,	-	-	22	116
February,	66	-	-	88	122
March,	- 66	-	-	68	172
April,	44	DE S	-	81	176
May,	46		-	13	100
June,	"	4511.	_	28	110
July,	. 44	-	-	13	72
August,	4.6	-	-	19	104
September,	66	-	-	21	78
October,	. 66	-	-	18	112
Total,	-	-	4	22	1,868

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January,	1891		-	252	382
February,	6.6	-	-	271	484
March,	44	-	-	249	638
April	6.6	-	-	228	822
May,	6.6	_	-	216	860
June,	66		_	227	3:11
July,	66	-	-	231	484
August,	6.6	-	-	232	488
Total,	-	_		2,781	8,488

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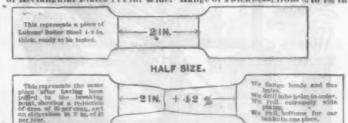
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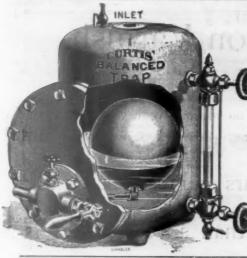
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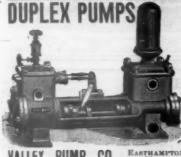
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Testing Air Brakes.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29, 1892.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RAILROAD GAZETTE:

I had not heard that the Southern Pacific had issued an order for testing brakes on air-braked trains in motion. I have never heard of such an order being given

by any other railroad company.

There may be some reasons for doing this which do not occur to me; but, on the whole, I should consider it an undesirable thing. It always seems undesirable to have alternate or corroborative tests in a case like that of testing the condition of the air brakes upon the train, where the condition of the brakes can not be determined by one person, but needs the combined action of several persons. Where more than one method of of several persons. Where more than one method of testing is mentioned, or even permitted, cases may arise one will be used and other cases where another used. Unless all methods are equally efficacious, therefore, the danger that an improper one will be used instead of the established one, is considerable.

It is quite evident that when the cars are in motion it is mpossible to ascertain whether all the brakes are ap plied or what the piston travel may be. In the release it is quite likely that some brake would not be released, which would escape observation, and thus the train would be drawn with the brakes dragging. On the other hand, it is perfectly well known that if the brakes are found to apply and release properly when the train is standing, the proper action of the brake in motion is

ctions contained in the r the M. C. B.'s committee are such that, if carried out, safety is assured. It seems to me that any further tests by the engineer, such as letting the air all out of the train pipe, as recommended by the Western Railway Club, or any other method, by which the engineer may in some way, assure himself that the brakes are approxi-mately correct, should be not only not recommended, but prohibited, lest he be led to imagine that he can determine with sufficient accuracy by such means the condition of the brakes, and the regular test be thus dispensed with on occasions where time is short.

R. A. PARKE.

Second Orders for Compound Locomotives

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RAILBOAD GAZETTE:

Some of the technical papers have found what they believe to be a lack of confidence on the part of those railroads that have used compound locomotives in the fact that some have not renewed their orders for this type of engine. The truth is that in the few cases where this has occurred there are no other reasons than those of the success or want of success of the engines

those of the success or want of success of the engines.

The one principal reason is that the builders of the locomotives have expressed their intention to experiment further before deciding on a standard design, and any railroad company is justified in postponing orders for compounds until the experimental stage is more nearly past; that is, if any builder is undecided in his

hearry past; that is, if any outlier is underded in his helief that the design of compound which he is offering is the final or nearly the final design, then a railroad company is justified in postponing orders for the present. So far there have been used in this country eight dis-tinct styles of compound locomotives. Naturally enough some of these have not been as successful as expected, and they have been charged from time to time as in and they have been changed from time to time as im-

A rule has been adopted on the Southern Pacific in Texas equiring enginemen, both passenger and freight, to make a rical application of the air brakes after starting the train and efore attaining a speed of more than als miles an hour. This to be done at the beginning of the trip and whenever a car as been taken or left.—Rativoad Gozette, Jan. 29.

provements have suggested themselves. Others have been so rapidly developed that the experimental stage is past, so that the refusal of any railroad company to order compounds in large numbers when they have pre-riously had experience with a single engine, indicates not the compound in general is not a success, but only that the type which they have tried is either found to be not as satisfactory as expected, or its builders have shown an inclination to change to other styles.

After canvassing the success of the eight different types of compounds, I find that in every instance there has been shown a decided saving in fuel, and the entire difficulties so far relate to the selections of the dimensions for the cylinders and the apparatus for increasing the power of the engine at starting. As a rule the cylinders have been too small for the work to be done. and the starting apparatus has been too complicated. On the whole, we ought to be much pleased with the success of the compound locomotive in this country. and no one need hesitate to take up their use provided that reasonable care is exercised in the selection of the designs of cylinders and starting gear. The other parts are the same, or should be, for the ordinary as for the pound engine. COMPOUND.

The Elevated Railroad Cases in New York.

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BY J. S. WOOD, ESQ.

THE PROSPECTS OF ABUTTING OWNERS RECOVERING DAMAGES AS AFFECTING ANY NEW BAPID TRANSIT

The effect of the Bohm and Somers cases (Ct. of App. not reported) is, all things considered, more far reaching than any decision since the Drucker (supra). These cases will have the effect to make almost all the land damage cases above Fifty-ninth street of little value, because it can be shown in all these cases that the elevated railroad has been one of the principal causes of the increase in value of property in that locality. The court thoroughly sifts the theory of "damages" and holds that it is the con-sequential or final net damages which the road is bound to pay after the general benefits have been offset. The theory that the railroad bas cut out a "block of air and light" for which it must pay as for any solid commodity 'taken" is exploded. The easements so taken are of no value by themselves but only as "appurtenant" to the land, and this taking can result thus only in "consequential damages." Defendants now will have to prove thal damages." Detendants now will have to prove merely the enhanced value of the property to destroy "damages" (previous to this decision, enhanced value merely the enhanced value of the properly to destroy "damages" (previous to this decision, enhanced value seemed to play but an unimportant part in the question) and any inquiry as to the amount of loss that might other-wise have been occasioned (if there had not happened to be the actual benefit) would be the purest guess and speculation. The Newman case, 118 N. Y. 618, is not overruled, but is recognized as authority, its re-followed, and its application enlarged.

It is safe to say that the Somers case is one which will have a material influence upon the organized "raid upon the treasury of the defendants" (see opinion of Peckham, J.), and, like the decision of Pryor, J., in the Brush case, points to a more sane and just measure of damages against a railway system which has, in a meas ure, solved the problem of rapid transit. Harlem prop-erty, as a rule, has been "enhanced" by the railway, erty, as a rule, has been "enhanced" by the railway, and hereafter it will be difficult for an abutter north of Sixtieth street to show a material loss sufficient, under the Brush case, to sustain an injunction.

The effect of the decision is to throw upon plaintiffs, in all cases, the burden of proof as to how much net damage has been sustained; and the owners of property below the Park will be compelled to recognize this rule, and can-not rest when they have proved the existence of the rail-way and its physical effects. Courts can no longer assume injuries which, by the actual proof of rents and values, do not exist. In other words, the mere presence of the elevated railroad is not enough to warrant a finding of damage

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Judge Peckham's opinion, concurred in by five judges, goes on to state:

"It is said the lot owner is himself entitled to the benefits accruing to him from the general rise of property caused by a general growth of the city in that vicinity and that the causes of such growth are too indefinite and uncertain, and problematical to permit the railroad to take advantage of it upon the question of damages. Of course the lot owner is entitled to the benefits arising from these sources. I propose to take no course which shall rob him of them. None other ought to or in fact can have them. It is not a question of permitting the lot owner to have these benefits. How is he despoiled of them when upon an inquiry whether he has sustained damage from the conduct of the defendants it clearly appears that he has not! If it appear that he would have sustained damage but for the fact that the general growth of the city in that direction prevented it and caused an increase in value, what materiality lies in the fact that this growth was not caused by the railroad! As I have already remarked the fact that there has been no damage is the material fact, and not the reasons which in truth prevented the injury from occurring. If it did not occur, then clearly the lot owner has suffered nothing. He receives all the benefits attaching to the general growth of the city which causes the enhancement in value of his own lots, but he is not permitted to recover from defendants alleged damages which in fact he has never sustained.

"In the other view what is to be the rule or measure of damages which is to prevail? Is the owner to be permitted to recover as damages the amount which it

is guessed at or surmised he would have sustained by the depreciation in value of his land if it had not been for the fact that it had in truth increased in value? What semblance of justice would there be in such a rule? The only possible injury which the defendants could cause him by their action lies in the injury they might do his remaining land. An investigation of that question reveals the fact that this land has actually increased in value since the taking spoken of and the fact is not claimed or proved that it would have increased as much but for such taking, and yet by a course of what may be called abstract reasoning the defendants are to be compelled to pay such a plaintiff an amount of money as representing damages he never suffered. Any reasoning, abstract or otherwise, which permits such a result, is lame somewhere.

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"The defendants are not, however, compelled to base their claims of exemption upon quite so broad a foundation. They say it appears by the uncontradicted evidence that the railroad largely caused the increase in value of all lands on Second avenue, including the plaintiffs' lots, and as I have said the evidence bears out such claim. If this be the fact, how can it be said the plaintiffs have suffered damage! There is no shadow of evidence that if the defendants had not taken this property and built their railroad, the property of the plaintiffs would have been as valuable or anything as like as valuable as it is. The plaintiffs have in truth been specially benefited by this railroad, although quite a number of others have also participated therein. This special cause is the railroad and a special benefit may result from such special cause. The fact that the other property in the vicinity and in the side streets has been more than proportionately increased in value by reason of the existence of the defendants' road is not of the slightest importance upon the question of whether the plaintiffs have been injured by defendants' conduct.

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"The probability is very high that the property in the side streets would have been immeasurably below what it is now in value but for the operation of these elevated roads. The same high degree of probability exists in regard to the property on Second Avenue, as is gathered from the evidence of witnesses in these cases. It is, however, abundantly clear from the evidence abundantly given that the property of plaintiffs has not suffered injury or damage by the wrongful acts of the defendants, and where the plaintiffs have in fact sustained no loss it is no hardship which prevents their recovering anything from defendants. The plaintiffs upon a new trial and under this view of the rule of damages may, perhaps, be able to show they have nevertheless suffered damages from the illegal action of defendants. It is only necessary for us in this case to decide that if the property of the plaintiffs have increased in value since the taking of these easements or a portion of them, and if such increase is largely due to the building and operation of the defendants road, and if such increase would not have been greater but for the action of defendants, then the plaintiffs have suffered no damage. Whether the increase is common to every other owner in the avenue, and is greater in proportion with some owners of property in the side streets than with the plaintiffs are matters of no importance. The plaintiffs are not damaged because their neighbors are benefited to an even greater extent than they are by the defendants' road."

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In the affirmance of Judge Pryor's decision in the Brush case (by the General Term of the Common Pleas) the same idea of the need of proving damages is further borne out. In this case no damages can be awarded where the property is shown to have risen in value.

Finally we approach the question, how much will a ew undergound or overground system have to pay to the butter? So far the elevated roads have been forced to pay over \$4,000,000 in damages for taking the "incorpopay over \$4,000,000 in damages for taking the "incorporeal, unsubstantial hereditaments," as they are called, of light, air and access in the streets, and the suits for damages have hardly begun. A thousand cases are on the court calendars to-day claiming \$100,000,000 of damages. A dozen suits are being tried every day by commissioners, referees, courts sitting in equity, and with juries. When it comes to digging a tunnel and actually interfering with vaults, pipes, foundations, etc., will not the damages be proportionally greater than for taking the "intangible easements?" It may than for taking the "intangible easements?" afely be said that the Court of Appeals will hardly fol-ow the law of vaults as ruled in the Potter case (supra). But if they did finally hold that vaults in streets owned by the city were only on sufferance and by "revocable license" and so subject to public right, yet the question of foundations remains and of interference with pipes, of foundations remains and of interference with pipes, etc. The stations, which must be numerous to accommodate local traffic, will give the abutter considerable annoyance. It is a fair presumption that under the existing favoritism shown the abutter, the courts will find some ingenious means of awarding him damages wherever it is shown that he has in the remotest degree suffered any injury. The exidence of damages underground. fered any injury. The evidence of damage underground will be even more untrustworthy than that on which the abutter founds his claim against the elevated structure. It will be difficult in many cases for the defense to obtain It will be difficult in many cases for the defense to obtain any disproof of damage. It is not the actual facts which we are to consider as the legal presentation of facts and the probabilities of recovery. It may be safely said that a well built tunnel through the middle of a wide street cannot presumably injure the abutter to any extent; but if the abutter comes into court prepared with his tenants and experts to swear to vibration and the consequent danger to his entire structure, how is he to be met? It may be that the elevated litigation will at last open the eyes of courts to the vast amount of perjury upon which eyes of courts to the vast amount of perjury upon which the heavy damages are sometimes awarded against the road, and that the abutter of an underground system will not share so greatly the pity and friendliness of the judiciary. But we have stated one great source of dan-ger—the difficulty of disproving his statements, without which courts are bound to find in the amounts claimed.

The reasoning in the Patten case (3 Abb. N. C., 315) of Judge Daly at special term is that "The vault beneath the sidewalk which is connected with and forms a part of the building erected upon the plaintiff's land, and which has been in existence over 60 years, is the plaintiff's private property, being in no way essential to nor interfering with the use to which the street is devoted as a public street, and his right to the nse and enjoyment of this vault cannot be taken away, impaired or interfered with except by authority of law. The construction of a railroad over the surface, or beneath, or above a street, is not such a use as a street is necessarily subjected to (citing Wager v. Troy Union Railroad, 25 N. Y., 526), for such roads can be, and in certain cities are erected upon land bought for and exclusively used for that purpose. " "The defendants have broken through plaintiff's vault, and are evidently about to make use of it for the erection of their structure," etc.

The General Term reversed Judge Daly, and said, per Robinson, J.:

Robinson, J.:

"The plaintiff is the owner of three lots on the westerly side of Greenwich street, between Cortlandt and Dey streets, upon which he has a building.

"The defendants entered upon the westerly side of the street in front of plaintiff's premises and broke in a vault.

This act constitutes such a nuisance as is ground for special damage unless the acts of the defendant are justified by law (Knox v. Mayor 55, Part 4M.) The Court then shows that Greenwich street belonged to the city, and goes on to hold "Whatever be the title of the owners of land fronting on the streets in this city, the streets, with scarce an exception, are owned by the corporation, subject to all such uses for public purposes as the legislature may determine to be proper and expedient. No exception to such use can be taken by any person, whether owner of the adjoining building or otherwise, who has constructed a vault under the sidewalk in the street."

"Under the maxim, Nullum tempus occurrit reipublicue, the length of time the vault has been occupied makes no difference. The vault becomes a public nuisance if it interferes with the railroad, and may be removed, as private enjoyment must yield to public use."

This line of reasoning is correct were it not that the Story, Lahr, Drucker Kane, etc., cases since decided. pursue the theory that private property if taken must be compensated. Here the abutting owner certainly lost something by the invasion of the railroad, and the Court of Appeals will probably decide that "something" before stated. The Common Pleas General Term were obliged to consider the vault a "public nuisance" before they could make it subject to the public right vested in the railroad. Whether right or wrong, the Court of Appeals will probably not follow their reasoning.

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built, such as now exists in Berlin, and parts of Paris, the land will be purchased outright—condemned under the right of eminent domain, and the right to cross streets will be granted by statute. There will still exist the omnipresent abutter, however, and under the decisions, the owner of houses adjoining the viaduct will

doubtless be able to recover heavy damages.

The fundamental trouble with the Story case (90 N. Y., 122), the Labr case (104 N. Y., 270), and the rules of damages laid down for the elevated railroads, is that they are decisions opposed to the progress of the solution of rapid transit. Investors are not fond of law suits. It would be invidious to suggest at this late day that the courts of this state have, in seeking to do justice to individual rights, overlooked the rights of the general public; for a few individuals the many are to be made to suffer. New York City is to-day suffering for the want of additional rapid transit. The elevated railroads are found to be inadequate, and the power of the press seems at present to be on the side of those opposed to allowing a third track, or any increased facilities to be built. But what scheme which ordinarily would attract capital will attract it into a series of interminable law suits with abutting owners? To be sure the Court of Appeals may decide that an underground system beneath a street is not an "improper use of the street." and a street is not an "improper use of the street," and, as in the Fobes case (121 N. Y., 505), in case of steam surface railways in streets hold that no easements are "taken" or "invaded." But where foundations would be actually imperiled and vaults invaded, certainly more tangible rights would be injured than the mere ease-ments of light, air, etc., for which the courts award such heavy damages against the elevated railroads, and the conclusion is irresistible that such new company will find it difficult to attract private capital until it can show a waiver of all claims on the part of abutting owners. Such capital may be obtained from the city, but, as "politics" would be certain to enter into this, it is doubtful whether such a scheme would in any sense

meet with the popular assent.

The best plan for those interested in rapid transit to follow is to obtain from the abutting owners, as far as possible, a consent to build the road. This consent will be obtainable in a majority of cases along business streets. Uptown, condemnation proceedings before the road is built will probably satisfy both sides. The city government could contract with some respon-sible corporation to build and equip a viaduct. The problem is a difficult one, but we are satisfied will be worked out on the lines already begun, viz.: elevated structures. The exact damages to be recovered by an abutter on these roads is proximately known. Promoters may be able here to figure on an exact basis

Improvements at Mantua Junction

The drawing herewith shows a plan of the improvements now under construction by the Pennsylvania Railroad at the south leg of the Y at Mantua Junction, West Philadelphia, to avoid the inconveniences of a grade crossing of busy passenger lines. At this junction

the two passenger and two freight tracks of the Philadelphia division (westward from Philadelphia) and the similar tracks of the New York division (northward) unite, running into the line which extends southerly to Broad street and the Junction railroad, which latter is the connection with the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore, Aside from the inevitable complications inci-dent to handling the enormous number of freight trains at this point, the delays to passenger trains have come to be very numerous, a passenger train from New York to Philadelphia being always liable to be stopped at the crossing to wait for one from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. or vice versa. This determined the company to run one of the lines underneath the other, and the work has now been in progress for a year. It will not be completed for some time yet, and the whole cost will be somewhere ear \$250,000.

The overhead bridge for Thirty-fourth street was com-deted some months ago, and the under passage for the two New York Division passenger tracks is now being made. The seven freight tracks and one passenger track which are to go over this bridge are so connected by crossovers that a number of them can be temporarily discon-tinued, and this is done, the traffic being concentrated on, say, three of the tracks, to such an extent that the bridge, which is of masonry, can be constructed half at a time without the employment of any temporary trestles for the tracks that are in use.

in bulk in buckets, dump cars or pockets, which latter thod will prove just as accurate as scale weights in the long run

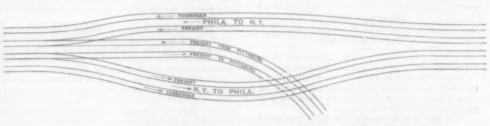
he methods in use for coaling locomotives consist of: Shoveling directly into the tender from cars placed gside the engine:

2. Handling by crane and buckets;
3. Platforms at about the height of the top of the g on tenders

4. Chutes at high elevation, either dumping sideways ato the tenders or from an overhead bridge spanning the tracks.

5. Special systems, usually patented.
1. The method of shoveling directly from cars into tenders, requiring no special structures or appliances, is the most primitive method for supplying coal to locomotives, and is, naturally, only employed in connection with a very small output, or in case of necessity as a make-shift, or on new work until permanent arrangements are perfected. The total cost of handling is represented by the cost of one shoveling of the coal, or probably about 10 to 15 cents per ton, provided the coal is not frozen in

2. The method of handling coal by crane and buckets onsists of loading iron buckets with coal from storage piles or directly from cars, and swinging the buckets ridge, which is of masonry, can be constructed half at a pines or directly from cars, and swinging the oursets over the tender, as required, by means of a crane, the contents being dumped into the tender either by tipping. It will be observed that there are no crossing frogs whatever for the passenger tracks, the junction (the



JUNCTION OF TWO-TRACK FREIGHT RAILROAD WITH FOUR-TRACK PASSENGER AND FREIGHT RAILROAD, WITHOUT CROSSING FROGS.

Sketch of plan adopted at Morrisville, Pa., Pennsylvania Railroad,

switches are at the extreme right of the cut, near the point marked 50 being arranged on the principle shown in the small illustration, which is that adopted at Morrisville, Pa., the eastern terminus of the Trenton Cut-off, and at the western terminus of the same, near Downingtown. The Trenton Cut-off, being intended to be used chiefly to the proof facility terminals. intended to be used chiefly for through freight trains, is connected directly with the freight tracks of the main The smaller illustration is not drawn to scale, as it is shown merely to illustrate the principle. It will be understood that the branch tracks can cross the two main-line tracks either by an under or an over bridge, rding to the topography of the locality.

Buildings and Structures of American Railroads.

NO. 15.—COALING STATIONS FOR LOCOMOTIVES.

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This article will be confined to a discussion of the methods in vogue for coaling locomotives, which investigation is rendered somewhat difficult owing to the large number of systems that have been adopted in practice to meet varying conditions and the individual views of railroad officers in charge of this branch of the service. The choice of a design will depend to a the service. The choice of a design with uppend to a large extent on the topographical features of the locality, the ground space available, its shape and its value, the number of engines to be coaled in a given time, the kind of cars in which coal is to be delivered at the coaling station, the quality of the coal, whether hard or soft, and whether the coal will be supplied regularly all the year around, or only at certain seasons of the year; also whether coal is to be delivered to engines on a side track with ample time allowance for coaling, or whether trains will stop to take coal on the main tracks, making a quick coal delivery a prerequisite. Ample provision for storage facilities is necessary

wherever an irregular or intermittent supply is to be expected, caused either by possible labor troubles, temporary suspensions at the mines, or blockades on the On Northern systems it is very desirable to store the bulk of the winter's supply before the full severity of the season sets in. In Northern climates it will also prove economical to put a shed or roof over the pockets

r storage piles so as to prevent the coal from getting horoughly drenched and freezing to a solid mass. In designing a coaling system one of the main oints to observe is to limit the number of handlings of the coal, so far as possible, thereby reducing the cost of operation and especially the breakage. Due regard should be paid to having some means for ascertaining and tallying the amount of coal delivered to engines, either by actual scale weight or by measurement

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where coal is delivered in flat cars and it cannot be dumped, but has to be shoveled out anyhow. The first cost of this system is small, as the storage of the coal is on the ground. It will take from five to ten minutes to coal a tender, the crane being worked by manual labor and the buckets having been previously filled. Stationary cranes are in use on the Wisconsin Central

Railroad, the Northern Pacific Railroad, the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, the Des Moines & Fort Dodge Railway, and other roads. The cost of delivery is reported variously at from 7.5 to 15 cents per ton, in ding shoveling into the buckets, hoisting a charging them.

A traveling crane on fixed end trestles is used by the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad at Columbus, O.; the average length of time for coaling an engine is stated to be six minutes and the cost varies from 8.8 to 9.1 cents per ton, covering all expenses, including re pairs and interest on first cost. (See Railr 1887, p. 214.1

3. In the discussion of the system of using platforms at about the height of the tender coping it is necessary to distinguish between the methods for delivering the coal on to the platform and the methods of transferring it from the platform to locomotives.

The coal is delivered on to the platform either by hors

and cart, or by shoveling from cars standing on the coaling track at the face of the platform, or from cars on a raised track near the rear of the platform and on a level with it. Coal is also delivered on to the platform by dumping from a raised treatling set on top of the platform, generally some distance back from the face of the platform, the height of the raised delivery track being usually from 8 to 9 ft. above the level of the plat-form. The platform level is usually placed from 10 ft. to 12 ft. above the top of rail of the coaling track along the face of the platform, so that the height of the elevated dumping track above the coaling track is from 18 to 21 ft. The height to climb with the loaded coal cars in this system is much less than required for coal chutes at a high elevation and it is, therefore, frequently given the preference over the latter system.

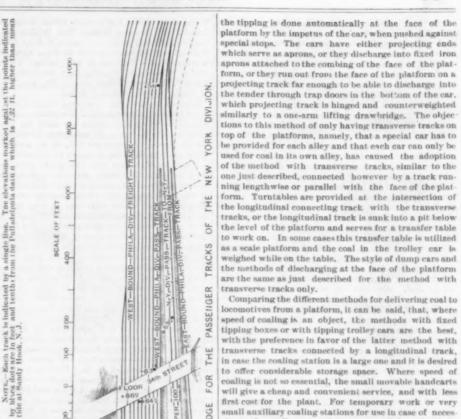
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the gradient usually adopted for the inclined approach trestling for the elevated dumping track is from 3.5 to 5 ft. rise per 100 ft, horizontal, which requires an incline of from 400 to 600 ft, in length. Where, owing to want of space, this length of incline is still too great, it is customer to horizontal. of space, this length of incline is still too great, it is customary to increase the gradient on the incline to 8 ft. (in a few isolated cases even as high as 10 ft.) rise per 100 ft. horizontal, reducing the length of the incline to about 200 to 300 ft., allowing for vertical curves at each

end. In operating a short incline on this beavy grade the locomotive does not run on to the incline, but a suffi-cient number of empty cars are placed between the locomotive and the loaded cars to allow the latter to be placed on the level part of the dumping trestling on top of the platform without the locomotive running up the incline. Vertical curves have to be inserted at each end of these heavy inclines so as not to break grade too suddenly, whereby the car body might be thrown out of its bearings on the trucks.

Relative to the cost of delivering coal on to the plat-form it can be said, that the delivery by horse and cart from a storage pile on the ground will cost about 7 to 15 cents per ton, in addition to the cost of unloading in the first instance into the storage pile, but an expensive and extensive platform can be saved in this system. which feature may, at times, be in its favor. In shovel ing on to the platform from cars on the coaling track the cost would be from 7 to 15 cents per ton. In shovel-ing from cars on a raised track near the rear of the platform and on a level with it, the cost of delivering on to the platform will be represented by one shoveling out of the cars under favorable conditions, or probably from 6 to 12 cents per ton. In dumping from a raised trest-ling the cost of unloading is merely nominal, if dump cars are used and the coal is in a condition to run freely out of the cars. As the incline is not long and the trestling low the fixed charge per ton to allow for the interest on the additional cost and maintenance of the elevated dumping treatle is small, especially so when the approach can be built on elevated ground, thereby reducing the extra cost of maintenance to a minimum. The method of dumping from a raised trestling is the most economical in the long run, where ever the amount of coal to be handled is sufficient to warrant the erection of a regular coaling station. as the increased cost of construction and maintenance is insig nificant compared with the much greater saving in the cost of the coal delivery.

The next question for consideration is the delivery coal from the platform to locomotives, for which the fol-lowing methods are actually in use in this country. The most primitive one is shoveling directly from the platform into the tender, which method is very slow, unless a large number of men are employed, in which case the cost runs up very heavily owing to unavoidable loss of time of the men between coaling. The next step is the use of small movable iron hand carts or buckets on wheels, which are filled conveniently by the regular help stationed on the platform from the storage pile on help stationed on the platform from the storage pile on the rear of the platform and dumped directly into the tender of a locomotive as soon as it stops in front of the platform. The buckets usually hold from a half to one ton of coal. They are built either with a long projecting spout or chute at the front end, which serves as an apron in dumping into the tender, or there are a number of stationary aprons arranged along the face of the plat-form, which are lowered over the tender and serve to carry and guide the coal dumped from the buckets, in which case the buckets can be made smaller and less cumbersome. This, however, requires all coal to be cumbersome. This, however, requires all coal to be brought to certain fixed points along the face of the platform and locomotives have to stop accordingly, to obviate which objection, although not such a serious one, the device has been adopted of providing light iron hinged aprons sliding lengthwise on an iron axle or rod ninged aprons sliding rengtunise on an iron axis or rod along the combing on the face of the platform, or else hung from staples or hooks in such a way as to be easily detached and transferred. The next method is a combination of the fixed apron idea with a pocket or chute, consisting of a series of fixed tipping boxes along the face of the platform, which are filled with coal by shoveling either directly from cars on a track back of the boxes or from a storage pile on the rear of the platform. In the first instance there is only one handling of the coal, but there will be more or less extra shifting of the train to do and detention to the switching engine to shift the cars opposite the boxes. In the case of drawing from the storage pile the coal would have to be shoveled at least three times. The next method in use shoveled at least three times. The next method in use represents the attempt to improve on the foregoing method by drawing coal from the storage pile in the rear without the extra handling just mentioned and without increasing the time required for coaling an engine. It consists of having special dump cars or tipping boxes on trolleys, which run on tracks perpendicular to the face of the platform from the face to the rear of the platform. The cars are run back to the storage pile, loaded there by shoveling from the pile and then pushed forward to the face of the platform, and tipped. In some designs of trolley cars



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Relative to the total unit cost of storing and deliver-ing coal to locomotives over platforms, it is dependent to a large extent on the daily output and the wages paid for labor. The Roadmasters' Association in 1885 adopted a report on "Handling Coal for Locomotives" in which it is stated that the replies received to a large number not be stated that the replies received to a large number of letters of inquiry sent out, indicated that the maximum price for bauling coal over platforms of different constructions was 30 cents per ton, the minimum 11 cents per ton, with an average of 19.4 cents per ton. In the report on "Coal Delivery to Locomotive Tenders," adopted by the American Railway Master Mechanics, association, in 1887, it is stated that on the Burlington of Lawridge Pallway the cents of chevillan for the second control of the state of the second control of the secon & Lamoille Railway the cost of shoveling from a plat-form at level of footplate, delivering 30 tons per day, in-cluding measuring, but exclusive of delivery of the coal on to the platform, was 10 cents per ton; while on a Cana-dian road the cost of shoveling from car to platform and from platform to tender ran up as high as 34 cents per ton, where the output was small and the coal badly frozen. The same report states further, that on the Connecticut River Railway the cost of delivering 45 tons per day from a platform with trolley dump cars was 14 cents per ton, and on the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Rail-road, with the same system, the rate was eight cents per ton for 74 tons daily; on the Northern Central Railway the cost was only 4.6 cents per ton during the winter months for a daily output of 57½ tons, delivering the coal on to the platform from a dumping treatle and delivering to locomotives by tipping trolley cars running on transverse tracks. From data collected by the writer the cost on the Lehigh Valley Railroad of dumping coal from a dumping trestle on a platform and delivering it by means of small handcarts to locomotives is about 5 to 10 cents per ton at the coaling station at Lehighton, Pa.
The cost on the same railroad for shoveling coal from cars on to a platform at Jersey City, N. J., is about 7 to 9 cents per ton, and the total cost for shoveling from cars to the platform and then shoveling from the platform into the tender is about 13 to 15 cents.

sity, or for coaling an engine on a small branch where the engine crew has plenty of spare time between runs, the method of shoveling from the platform to the tender

ADELPHIA into the tender is about 13 to 15 cents.

4. Chutes at high elevations offer the advantage of coaling engines rapidly. They are either arranged to dump sideways into tenders on a coaling track running along the face of the chutes, or to dump from an overhead bridge spanning a number of tracks. The next most important characteristic is the method adopted for WEST elevating the coal to the proper height to be dumped into the chutes or pockets. One method is to convey the coal from cars or storage piles on the ground by ION. horse and cart up a proper ramp to the pockets. Another method, and the one most generally in use, is to have a long inclined approach on trestling or on high ground a long inclined approach on trestling or on high ground where the locality permits it. Where there is no space for a long inclined approach, a stationary engine with cable rope is employed and the londed cars are hauled up a steep incline or plane, as it is called. Another method is to fill small cars from a low dumping trestle and then to haul the small cars up an inclined plane to the proper elevation to allow them to be discharged into the high chutes. Another method is to store coal on the ground in bins or piles and fill small trolley cars by hand from the storage piles on the ground level and then hoist the cars on a small platform elevator to the

upper tier, where they are discharged into the chutes. modification of this latter system, that is feasible and will probably be introduced in the near future, con sists of increasing the size of the platform elevator and hoisting up the standard gauge loaded cars in which the coal arrives, thus avoiding one handling of the coal, but of course with the objection of having to furnish a very powerful and heavy elevator. Another method, applicable where there is no space for a long incline or the other methods described are not desired, is to dump the coal into a pit underneath the track on the ground level, and then to convey it by a continuous bucket belt elevator or a trough conveyor to the upper tier, where it is distributed to the different bins by spouts, or by smal tramcars, or by the so-called automatic railroad system, or by a horizontal belt or trough conveyor.

After the coal has been hoisted to the proper elevation

for discharging into the chutes or pockets it may be dumped from the elevated track on to a platform below it and level with the top of the pockets, or dumped or shoveled directly into the pockets. Then there are designs where the coal is dumped into large hopper-shaped storage bins, which are trapped off at the lower end, allowing coal to be discharged, as required, into regular chutes placed below the bins; this system requires extra height for the supply tracks, but it avoids all shoveling of the coal. Wherever the coal is elevated in small trolley cars it is usually discharged directly into the kets. A peculiar combination of the high chute and platform system is in use in a number of the older in some more recent designs for coal chutes, in which the coal is first discharged from a high track into pockets, which are trapped off at the lower end, so as to regulate the feed. Small trolley cars, which run on tracks on a platform about 11 to 12 ft. above the coaling tracks, are placed under the pockets, filled and discharged over the side of the platform or run out on a projecting counterweighted platform, the same as decribed above in connection with the platform system These cars serve also for the purpose of measuring o weighing the coal.

The height of the elevated dumping track above the round level differs according to the variations in the esign, as just outlined. In the case of dumping from an elevated track on to a platform level with the top of the pockets or side chutes, the height of the dumping track is from 25 to 33 ft. above the ground. Where no provision is made for storage and the coal is to be dumped directly into the pockets, the height of the high track is not less than 22 ft. above the ground, and where the coal is to be shoveled off the cars sideways into the pockets the height of the high track is from 12 ft. 15 ft. pockets the height of the high track is from 12 to 15 ft. above the ground. Where the coal is dumped from an elevated track above a storage platform, which is level with an overhead bridge system, the height of the high track is from 28 to 32 ft. above the ground. In general the top of the pockets for side chutes is from 18 to 23 ft. above the coaling track, and the floor of an overhead bridge is usually from 22 to 24 ft, above the tracks pass

The height to which the coal has to be lifted having been determined, according to the system selected for the storage and delivery of the coal to locomotives, the next question to settle is the method to adopt for elevating the coal. With vertical platform elevators, bucket belt elevators and trough conveyors, the yard space required for the coaling station is reduced to a minimum and a slight additional lift, so as to provide better facilities or storage at the upper elevation, can be easily introduced into the system. Where inclined planes are used the gradient of the plane ranges from 18 to 22 ft. rise per 100 ft. horizontal. Inclined approach locomotive gradients, on trestling or on high ad or on both, for reaching the high track of a coal chute system are too long to be worked with a partial train of empties, as done on low grade dumping trestles, and the momentum of a train acquired by taking a "run" is not sufficient to carry the train up. Hence the allowable gradient is limited to the safe grade for a lo comotive to run on, and in practice the gradient on a high coal chute inclined approach has been limited to 5 ft. rise per 100 ft. horizontal. Where possible the gradient rise per 100 ft. horizontal. Where possible the gradient should not exceed 4 ft., especially in Northern climates where the rails are frequently in a very bad condition in winter. The following railroads have long coal chute inclines with gradients as indicated, namely; Richmond & Alleghany Railroad (Chesapeake & Ohio, 3.75 ft.; Richmond & Danville Railroad, 3.6 ft.; Northern Central Railroad, 3.25 ft.; Lehigh Valley Railroad, at Lehighton, Pa., 4 ft., and at Wilkesbarre, Pa., 5 ft.; Pennsylvania Raiiroad at East Tyrone, Pa., 5 ft.; New York, Lake Krie & Western Raiiroad, 4 ft.; Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway, 3.75 ft.; Northern Pacific Railroad, 3.5 ft.; Atkinson, Topeka & Santa Fe, 3.77 ft.

The detail design of the pockets or chutes varies ac-

cording to whether the chutes dump sideways or lead down from an overhead bridge. The capacity of the pockets varies from 2 to 7 tons, the aim being usually to allow the entire coal supply required by an engine to be dumped in one operation into the tender. The following railroads have chutes with the angles of inclination from the horizontal as indicated, namely: Chicago, Michigan Central Railway, pocket 55 deg., apron 37 deg.; Michigan Central Railroad, 33 deg. (Kerr chute); Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway, 45 deg. (Kerr chute); Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway,

30 deg. (Kerr chute), and a more recent design 38 deg. Grand Trunk Railway, 36 deg.; New Orleans and North Eastern Railroad, pocket and apron, 45 deg.; Richmond & Alleghany Railroad, pocket 40 deg., apron 30 deg.; Northern Pacific Railroad, 45 deg.; Lehigh Valley Rail-road at Wilkesbarre, Pa., 22½ deg.; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad (Clifton chute), 27½ deg.; Wabash,

St. Louis & Pacific Railway, 48 deg.
Relative to the cost of coaling engines over a high chute system the Roadmasters' Association report of 1885 stated that where coal chutes are used the maximum price per ton is 9 cents, the minimum 4.5 cents per ton, and the average 7.4 cents per ton, or an average of 12 cents per ton in favor of chutes as compared with the verage cost of coaling over low grade platforms; the ime consumed in taking coal from high chutes is one ninute and from other devices twelve minutes, a saving in time of eleven minutes for each engine coaled in favor of chutes; and where 3,000 tons of coal are handled month!y an annual saving is realized of nearly \$4,500 over other devices. In the report on "Coal Delivery to Locomotive Tenders" adopted by the American Railway Master Mechanics Association in 1887, it is stated that coal is delivered to locomotives over a high coal chute system with long approach trestling and high dumping track on the Baltimore & Ohio, with a daily output of 115 tons, for $4\frac{\pi}{10}$ cents per ton; on the Michigan Central, with a similar system and a daily output of 175 tons, the cost is stated to be 7 cents per ton, which figure is increased to 8½ cents per ton, if allowance is made for interest, de preciation, renewals and repairs at the rate of 20 pe cent per annum of \$4,000, the first cost of the syste 40 chutes; on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, with a daily delivery of 230 tons over a high coal chute system, the average cost is stated to be 3.78 cents per ton, which figure is increased to 5 cents per ton, if allowance is mad for interest, etc., at the rate of 20 per cent per annum o the first cost of \$5,031 for the plant; on the Chicago New Orleans & Texas Pacific the cost of delivering coa over a high chute system with drop bottom cars, similar to the Baltimore & Ohio chutes, is stated to be 6 center er ton in the slackest season with a daily output of only 18 tons, while in the busy season it is less, and the fixed unit to add to the above rate, if the chutes were worked to their greatest possible capacity of 320 tons per day, to allow for interest, etc., would be less than I cent pe

Where space for a long approach is not available, ertical platform hoist or inclined plane for small trolle vertical platform hoist or inclined plane for small trolley cars, or an inclined plane for taking up the loaded road cars, is used to good advantage. The vertical lifting of the loaded road cars on a heavy platform hoist has never been tried to the writer's knowledge, but it has been recommended by the American Railway Master Mechanics' Association, in the report previously referred. to, as being worthy of a trial under certain conditio For a small coaling station, with limited ground spatthe use of a vertical bucket belt elevator offers such cided advantages that it would be desirable to see this system used more frequently. At the coaling station for locomotives and boilers for stationary engines in the yard of the National Storage Company, at Communipaw N. J., a bucket belt elevator has been operated at a less N. J., a bucket belt elevator has been operated at a les cost than would have been required for a high coal chut-system, if interest on the first cost and the maintenance of the structure are considered. The breakage of the coal frequently claimed to be a serious defect of any bucket belt elevated system, has not been found to be a detri ment at this point. It should be stated, however, that at the coal chute in question steam is constantly available from the boilers of the adjacent boiler-house, so that the small vertical engine for running the bucket belt elevator is operated by ordinary labor. The use of the trough conveyor system, with and without a storage pile on the ground, has been introduced on a number of roads, and is deserving of more attention, as a most eco nomical and practical system wherever ground is valua ble, or the space for a long coal chute approach is no available. The application of the trough conveying sys tem for lifting the coal from the ground to overhead bridges, for coaling engines on the main tracks of a road, is one of the most valuable and recent improvements adopted for supplying coal for locomotives, as it is very economical in operation, provided the daily output is sufficient to warrant the erection of some kind of a coaling station, and, in addition, the valuable land or limited space alongside the main tracks of a road will not be blocked by a long inclined trestle and coal storage platform

5. Under the heading of Special Systems, opportunity will be taken to review, briefly, a number of schemes mostly patented, which offer individual characteristics and cannot be brought readily under the classifications adopted above. Collin's Locomotive Hoist, which has been extensively adopted by the Pennsylvania Railroad and c utilizes the tractive force of the locomotive to draw its own coal supply in road cars up to such a height, that the coal can be delivered over a chute into its tender. The Dodge Coaling System consists of an inclined plane up which the loaded road car is hauled by a cable to the Rock Island & Pacific Railway, 34 deg. (Clifton chute); it is desired to fill. Dockstader's System of a "side dump

and then tipped sideways: the objection to this system the coal from the mines, and that they will have to run back light in most cases. Mention has been previous made of the trough conveying system and of the buck elevator system, with stationary or swinging buckets.

In case coal is delivered to a coaling station by water, n barges or canal boats, the best method for transferring the coal to the coal chutes or pockets consists of the tip ping bucket system, in which the buckets are loaded in the hold by shoveling, hoisted by horse or steam power, and tipped at the proper point by a suitable attachment, so as to discharge into a pocket or storage pile. Where the coaling station is not located immediately alongside of the water front, the use of the Hunt Automatic Rail-way is clearly indicated. In this system, the buckets are hoisted out of the hold of the vessel, and tipped at the proper height into a large hopper, from which train-cars are filled, which convey the coal to the pockets or torage piles located some dis ance inland. The principal feature of this design is that the loaded car travels to the dumping point by gravity, while the empty car is brought back to the hopper by the impetus given to the empty car by a heavy counterweight attached to the car by a cable, the counterweight being brought into play as soon as the car has discharged its load. Where the coal supply by water is large enough to warrant it, a vertical bucket elevator attached to a movable leg is used; the leg is lowered into the hold of the vessel, and the coal is elevated and transferred backward to the

pockets or storage piles.

Conclusions.—The Roadmasters' Association in the Conclusions.—The Roadmasters Association in the report adopted in 1885, quoted above, showed conclusively that the high coal chute system was to be preferred in point of speed of coaling and of economy over all other known devices for coaling locomotives. The American Railway Master Mechanics' Association in the report adopted in 1887, quoted above, offers the following conclusions on the question of the different methods for coaling locomotives: oaling locomotives :

"To summarize, it may be said that wi'h regular c from mine in drop bottom cars, the cheapest and most rapid delivery is by using high central trestle, from which the coal is allowed to gravitate into dimensioned chutes, and from the hutes gravitates into tender.

When sufficient land cannot readily be obtained for the long ramp (grade) this system requires, the economy in labor and slight injury to fuel is so marked under this system as to suggest the advisability of lifting the loaded inlice cars, ver-tically (by some form of power elevator) up to the level of track

"For a compromise system, where the daily fuel issisted that the tipping pocket on truck or chute filled by hor cart may be used, or, if the amount to be stored and from heap be not large, an overhead girder crane will definith crane be used, the storage is practically limite by the land obtainable.

"For leisurely delivering the storage of the stor

atform, or, better still, direct shoveling from car to tender, as cheap as any manual labor system known; and if it is ired to lessen the time actually occupied in delivering to nder, a hand crane and buckets on the platform will do so with but little outlay and but slight incre se in cost over direct g: in fact, if the use of buckets insures the n ork, the cost per ton n

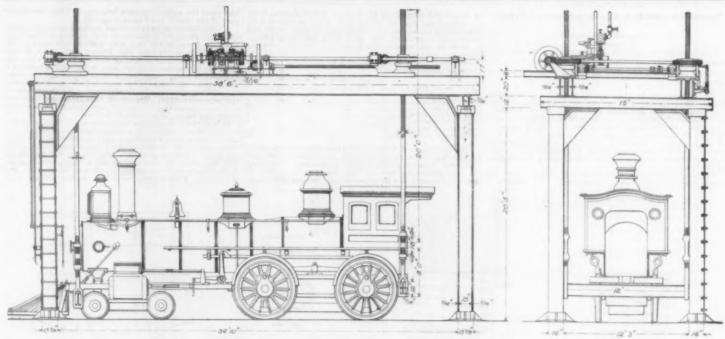
The opinions and conclusions embodied in the reports of the Roadmasters' Association and of the American Railway Master Mechanics' Association, quoted above, can be considered as applicable to the conditions existing to-day. There is, however, one additional feature to call attention to, namely, the lifting and transferring of coal by elevators or conveyors has, within recent years, been adopted with such good results under certain conditions by a number of railroads, that any remarks on the sub-ject under discussion would not be complete without calling attention to the valuable improvements in this class of coal handling machinery, which have been brought prominently to the front since the reports of the associations, mentioned above, were adopted.

Various plans and descriptions of coaling stations for otives, as actually in use in this country, will be given in another article.

ITO BE CONTINUED.

A French Railroad Commission

Since 1879 there has been in France, attached to the Ministry of Public Works, a "Commission on Railroad Operation" whose duty is to examine questions relating to the working of the railroads, and which has hitherto paid particular attention toexa mining into the cause of railroad accidents and the means of preventing them. Heretofore representatives of the great railroad companies sat in this Commission with power to vote as well as debate. It was objected that this often made them indges in their own cases, and now the Commission has been reorganized, and, in order to give it more prestige. the order for the new Commission has been made by the President, instead of the Minister of Public Works, the latter is made the nominal head of the Commisup which the loaded road car is hauled by a cable to the top of a coaling shed, where the coal is dumped and conveyed by horizontal belt conveyers to whatever pocket it is desired to fill. Dockstader's System of a "side dump coal car and oscillating apron" is designed to deliver coal directly from the road car to tenders without the use of shoveling, at a minimum of expense and breakage, the car being run on a low trestling, along the coaling track,



Side Elevation

ent corps named above, three general inspectors or chief engineers from each of these corps, one representa-tive of the War Department, one of the State Railroads and seven experts in railroad operation.

The railroad companies' representatives are authorized The railroad companies' representatives are authorized to discuss matters which relate to them, respectively, at the sessions which consider those matters. The Vice-President may appoint on commissions to report on special questions men not members of the Commission, and even experts who are not in the government service at all. The men appointed on this Commission, Oct. 17 last, are: Vice-President de la Tournerie, General Inspector of Bridges and Highways; General Inspectors Linder and Lorieux and Chief Engineer Vicaire, of the Corps of Mines: Senator Cuvinot, General Inspectors Menche de and Lorieux and Chief Engineer Vicaire, of the Corps of Mines; Senator Cuvinot, General Inspectors Menche de Loisne and Collignon, of the Bridges and Highways Corps; Major Gouse, of the Artillery, State Railroad Director Cendre, Haton de la Goupillière, Director of the School of Mines and Member of the Institute; Léauté, another Member of the Institute; Reymond, Past President of the Society of Civil Engineers; Caél, Telegraph engineer; the civil engineers Gottschalk and Pontzen, and Professor Bricka, who lectures on railroads at the School of Bridges and Highways. Pontzen will be remembered in this country as one of the authors of Lavoinne and Pontzen's great work on American railroads. At the first meeting of this Commission, the Minister of Public Works named as principal objects of its efforts

of Public Works named as principal objects of its efforts at present the prevention of railroad accidents, the uni-form training and appointment of locomotive engineers, the perfection of the block system on certain lines, and the prevention of delays to trains.

Locomotive Hoist, Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

A novel locomotive hoist, devised by Mr. William Smith, Superintendent of Motive Power & Machinery of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co., at the Chiof the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co., at the Chicago shops, is shown in the illustrations. It consists of four upright posts about 20½ ft. long, which carry girders on which travel four crossheads containing a powerful nut which raises and lowers a 4-in. screw attached to the end of which is a stirrup for receiving a cross girder under the engine, as shown. The whole apparatus is worked by means of a pair of reversing stationary engines, shown in the plan, which drive the large nuts by means of a worm and bevel gear connection.

The apparatus is intended to facilitate the removal of wheels, axles, and boxes, for repairs. The hoist has a capacity of 60 tons with a factor of safety of five, and raises this load at a speed of about 1 ft. a minute. For repairing, the locomotive is run directly under the crane

raises this load at a speed of about 11t. A finitude. For repairing, the locomotive is run directly under the crane and hoisted, the wheels removed and small trucks placed under it. The engine is then pulled out to a transfer table by means of a capstan and taken to the pit where it is to be repaired. The whole apparatus is inexpensive, and is particularly useful where there are not facilities for using an overhead crane.

Mandrel-Rolled Hollow Staybolts.

Prof. George F. Swain, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has recently made a test of the hollow staybolt iron manufactured by the Falls Hollow Staybolt Co., of Cayahoga Falls, O., with the following re-

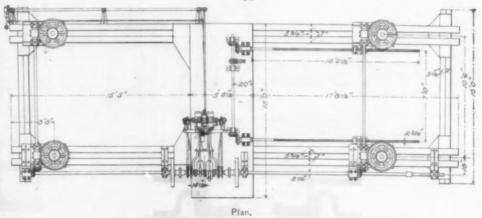
"Size of piece, 0.895 inches outside diameter.

"Area in square inches, 0.611 net (deducting hole).

"Ultimate strength in ibs. per square inch of original section, 50,700.

"Limit of clasticity, approximate, 28,000 lbs.

"Area of contracted section, square inch, 0.311.



LOCOMOTIVE HOIST-CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY.

"Ratio of, reduced to original section, 0.50,
"Fracture, fine grained and uniform.
"The elongation could not be satisfactorily measured on account of the shortness of the specimen, although we spent some time trying to get sufficient distance between clamps. We found an elongation of 41 per cent.

The Government Accident Statistics.

End Elevation

"Ratio of, reduced to original section, 0.5%, "Fracture, fine grained and uniform.

"The elongation could not be satisfactorily measured on account of the shortizes of the specimen, although tween clamps. We found an elongation of 41 per control 3% inches."

We have before described the method of manufacture, which is to wite together two U-shaped bars, bring them to a welding beat and pass them through rolls. As the welded tabe comes from the rolls it bases over a man, drel which fills the interior. Refore reaching the second pair of rolls it is drawn from the mandrel and the interior cleared from slag and cinders, in this way, by the repeated operations, z, hollow stay, boil is obtained which has a uniform interior diameter. This process produces a hollow bolt which is apparently seamless, as is shown by a specimen which has been burst open with a punch and split down on three lines.

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Height from rail to	8 loor	20

Recent Progress in Car Construction and Design.

(Continued from page 81.)

The description of Mr. R. P. Lamont's steel car was omitted from our last issue, the cut not having been received. It follows, and then the pager is continued in its order.

Mr. Lamont made this the subject of a graduating it embodies the results of mathematical calculation and the wide practical experience of Mr. Robert Miller and Mr. E. D. Bonner, who are well known officers of the Michigan Central Railroad. This is a most interesting design, and I am indebted to Mr. Lamont for this valuable form of the car well known officers of the description of the car well known officers of the diction to this paper. The following is a description of the car:

For the eight wooden sills of the old 60,000-lb, car six steel channels have been substituted. To provide a steel car was an and upon the superstructure bracing to the other with a rise of 6 in. The rise of 6 in. The plates are ever all to find the car to the other with a rise of 6 in. The plates are secured to the plate by angle from fattening out 5% the car at the top.

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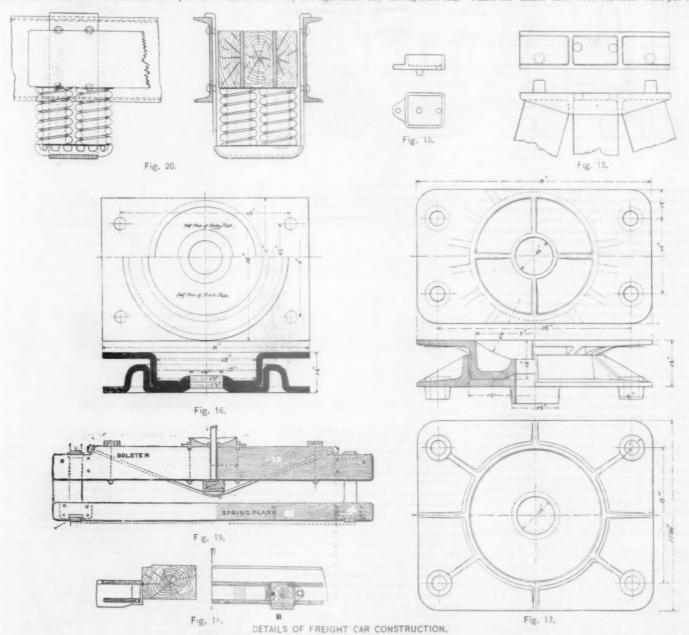
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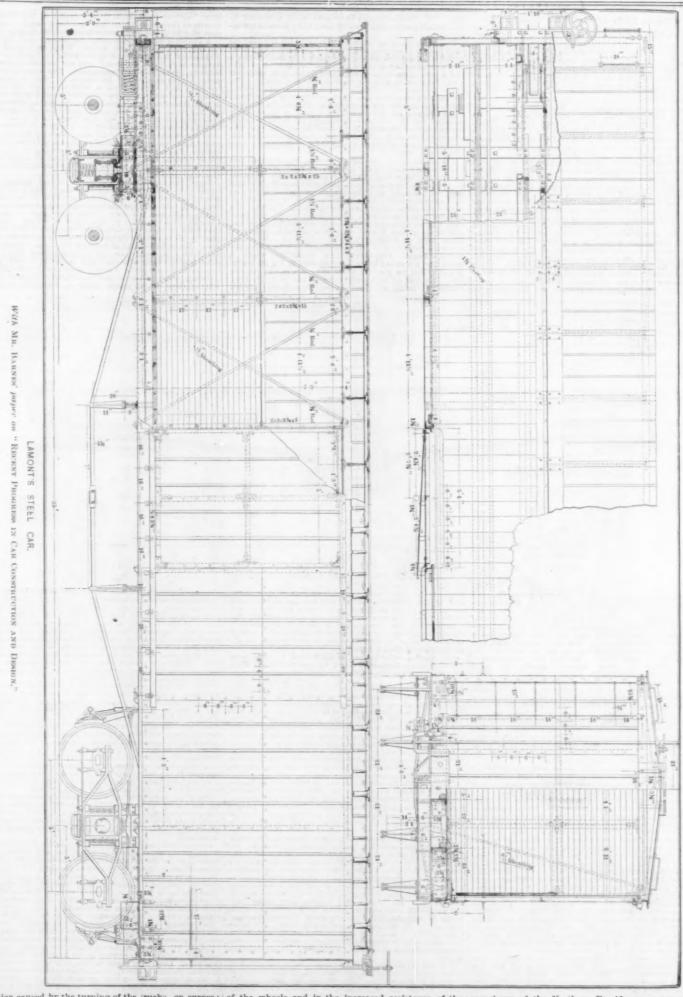
The Plates are of Z bar section 4 in. in depth with end plates of the car at the top.

The Plates are



With Mr. Barnes' poper on "RECENT PROGRESS IN CAR CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN."

means of securing the wooden floor to the sills a flange is rolled on the back of the channels near the centre, anon which rests a 2 × 3 h, wood strip, fastened to the properties of the control of the rest of the rest of the control of the rest of the



friction caused by the turning of the crucks on curves; but, while this may be true when only the centre plates are considered, yet the side bearings have more to do with the resistance to the turning of the trucks than the centre plates. With a centre plate of small diameter the cars roll as much as with a spherical bearing and are just as liable to be down on one side, and in this condition there is a greater resistance to the turning of the truck due to the friction of the side bearing and around the riccition of the side bearing than could possibly exist with a centre plate of reasonable diameter.

The result of centre plate friction or resistance to turning of the trucks is found in the increased flange wear.

This estimate corresponds with the capture of the Northern Pacific on some crooked, narrow gauge lines where the centre plates were ciled to train. Probably more attention is devoted to this materials where the centre plates were ciled to train. Probably as plates were ciled to the found than any other. They narrow gauge lines where the centre plates were ciled to the outside the narrow gauge lines where the centre plates were ciled to the outside the narrow gauge lines where the centre plates were ciled to the outside the loads hauled by the engines. Figs. 16 and 17 show an interchangeable design for malienble iron, cast steel, and pressed steel centre relates. The result is to reduce greatly the centre plate were plate bearings are greased by means of a long squirt oil can with which the plates can be reached from the outside of the car. The result is to reduce greatly the centre plate were plate to a round the resistance of the train. It has been estimated that on a road having many curves the use of a proper centre plate well oiled, will increase the use of a proper centre plate well oiled, will increase the use of a proper centre plate well oiled, will increase the use of a proper centre plate well oiled, will increase the use of a proper centre plate well oiled, will increase the use of a prope

three different kinds of plates are interchangeable.

Trucks.—In trucks the improvements have been perhaps greater than in any other part of a freight car. The side framing has not been materially changed except in dimensions, but the bolsters, spring planks and transoms have been greatly improved. To illustrate the change, I have selected details of two rigid trucks; one of the old and one of the new. Fig. 19 shows the old type with a wooden spring plank and bolsters, the inadequacy of which for modern service is evident. The new bolsters are yet partially built of wood, but they are now composite with iron or steel plates between the wooden slabs, as shown in fig. 20. The plates carry the load, and the wood acts as filling pieces. It has been difficult to see how a purely metal bolster can be made to equal the composite bolster here shown. In the new design the wooden transom and spring planks are gone. Rolled steel channels, securely riveted to malleable or cast iron end pieces, are now used as shown in fig. 21. In this way the trucks are maintained more nearly square than in the old form, and there is much less strain and wear on the vertical bolts which secure the transoms to the side frames. There are lips or projections on the end castings, which keep the truck approximately square without the assistance of the vertical bolt.

One of most admirable features of this design is shown at fig. 20, which dispenses entirely with the spring plank. It consists simply of a wide "U" shaped strap adapted to receive the spring plate at the bottom and with a lip at the top over the channels to carry the load. This may be taken as the best form of modern freight car truck now generally used, and is certainly a marked improvement over the old form.

The most radical proposed change and improvement

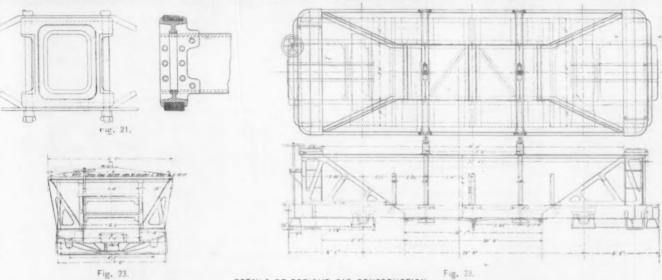
tent. All other countries have paid more attention to this detail, and have generally used some form of metallic beam.

The modern metal brakebeam is probably the best we shall get for some years to come. It is formed of a compression member with the material disposed in such a way as to give the greatest stiffness for the least weight and a tension member of any form which has sufficient area of section to give the desired tensile strength. The heads are made of malleable iron or cast steel of excellent design, and weighing less than one-third of the clumsy head used on the wooden beams. When the modern beam is made an initial tension is put on the tension member for the purpose of bringing all parts to a firm bearing before the beam is strained in service. In this way the deflection of the beam when the brakes are applied is made less than it would be if the parts were loosely put together.

The extremes in design of beams, the poorest and best, are now used by car builders and shipped on new cars on the same day. It is curi us to see this variation in such an important detail. One road running through a given territory and doing a given class of work uses the poorest possible form of brakebeam, while another under the same conditions uses the best. The use of a wooden brakebeam with an air brake cylinders, when used on 50,000 or 60,000-lb, freight cars, to permit any such deflection of the brakebeam as is had with the wooden' beam. One-fourth inch deflection, which is small for a wooden beam, corresponds to 1% in travel in a cylinder, an amount much too large to be permissible. The ½ of an inch limit, fixed by the M. C. B. Association as being all that is practicable to allow, is too

there has been some little improvement in the smaller details of these care, there has not been much change that may be called an improvement in the hopper portion unless it be in the lining of the hopper and all the linterior with heavy sheet metal. What is needed for this classof work is a good all metal car, . . and several designs have been proposed, and are looked upon with favor by the large steel companies. The success of all metal hopper cars on the Baltimore & Ohio is beyond criticism, and should form a basis of design for those who are contemplating the construction of hopper cars. A very satisfactory design of metal ore car is shown in fig. 23. It is entirely of metal and riveted together. This car is intended to meet the needs of a heavy ore trade in the northwest, and has been approved by several steel companies as adapted to meet their needs as to capacity and location and size of receiving packets at terminals. None have been constructed owing to the expense incident to a trial order. The cost of these cars could only be reduced to about \$600 by the manufacture of a large number with special tools.

Small Details.—One of the most radical changes in material for the details of freight cars is that from cast irron to pressed steel, with the alternative of malleable iron. The last two materials are fighting for supremacy; and as each has its own advantages and is better adapted than the other for some details, we may expect that both of these materials and cast steel will find a blace in the car of the future and entirely supersede cast in the car of the future and entirely supersede cast in the car of the future and entirely supersede cast in the car of the future and entirely supersede cast in the car of the future and entirely supersede cast in the car of the future and entirely supersede cast in the car of the future and entirely supersede cast in the car of the future and entirely supersede cast in the car of the future and entirely supersede cast in the car of the future and entirely supersede



DETAILS OF FREIGHT CAR CONSTRUCTION.

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These turntables are entirely centre bearing, and rest on hardened steel discs, which offer small resistance to turning around, and are, at the same time, of sufficiently large diameter to give ample bearing surface to maintain them in good working order, and prevent abrasion by excessive pressure. The discs are 6 in. in diameter for the smaller tables and 7 in. for the larger sizes.

The tables are suspended from the saddle and centrepin by two bolts made of re-rolled iron. Two bolts are used in preference to four to avoid the uneven distribu-tion of the load produced by tightening the bolts which is liable to occur when more than two are used. A wrought from band is shrunk around the top of the pivot casting and is effective in resisting the strains produced, by the tipping of the table, against the sides of the cast ing in case of the binding of the steel discs, when not properly oiled or from some other cause. The vertical adjustment of the tables is easily made with the suspending bolts, and without the use of packing plates or

The flanges are made of 6-in. angle irons extending the full length of the table, without splices, and rein-forced at the centre with cover plates. In proportioning the flanges due regard is paid to the effect of the varying sign of the strains at any point of either flange, due to the position of the locomotive, and the stresses are kept low to avoid excessive deflection at the ends of the table when loaded. The formula used for determining table when loaded. The formula used for determining the sectional area of the flange is : (Maximum stress of greater kind + $\frac{1}{2}$ maximum stress of lesser kind) \Rightarrow

Standard Turntable of the Passaic Rolling Mill Co.

It will be spread of fire. All the cables and wires in the standard turntable manufactured by the Passaic Rolling Mill Co., Paterson, N. J.

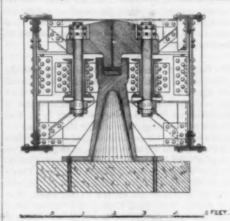
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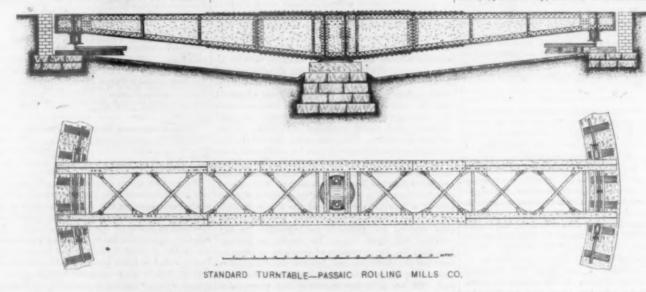
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It will be remembered that the fire which destroyed this building started in the switchboard, the most vulnerable point in the building. To guard against a recurrence of such a disaster there are five main-line switchboards, separated as widely as possible. This affords the incidental advantage of locating each switch near where its wires are operated. There is an office wire by which chief operators can communicate with each other.



first dynamos used as substitutes for chemical batteries on telegraph lines were placed in the New York office in 1880, and the innovation was very successful; but there were, nevertheless, 10,000 cells in the building at the time of the fire in 1880, these being used mostly for local and short circuits. There are now three gangs of dynamos for main lines, each gang consisting of five Edison 40-ampere machines, connected in series. The currents carried out vary from 70 to 320 volts, the higher potentials being used for duplex and quadruplex circuits. There are six machines of lower voltage for short lines and locals. Each gang of dynamos is driven by a separate vertical engine of 15 H. P., and they are run at 1,250 revolutions. There are also 30 small dynamos, for intermediate main line batteries, delivering currents of from 50 to 125 volts. The resistance lamps are arranged to show a dull red glow whenever a current is accidentally short circuited, thus affording a convenient notice to the chief operator in case there is trouble on the wire. Messages are carried from one point to another in the

office by the Martin cash-carrier system, which consists essentially of a double track miniature cable railroad. There are several lines of these carriers, all terminating in a large gallery in the eighth story, and there are 57 stations. There is a 5-H. P., Crocker-Wheeler motor to run this system and another similar motor in reserve. The gallery referred to also contains the terminal valves of the pneumatic tubes, of which 24 run to various points in the building, four to the Twenty third street office, 2½ miles away, and four to branch offices near by



10,000 = net area in square inches required. The girders ected to each other by rigid angle iron bracing, ly secured to the flanges, and with six transverse effectively secured to the flange frames also of angle iron.

These turntables are made in five sixes, for pits 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 ft. in diameter, and can be made of still larger sizes if required. The 55 and 60 ft. turntables are built from three patterns for turning 75, 90 and 103-ton locomotives respectively. Where shipment can be made by rail the tables are loaded on cars, complete, ready to set in the pit. Where pits are already built, or old tables of other makes are to be replaced, these tables can easily be made to fit. One hundred and ten of these tarntables are in use on 42 different railroads.

New Office of the Western Union Telegraph Com-pany, New York City.

Mr. A. S. Brown, Electrical Engineer of the Western Union, has an article in the *Electrical Engineer* describ-Union, has an article in the Leterreat Engineer assertions the new equipment of the company's main office at Broadway and Dey street, New York City, which was burned out in July, 1890. The five upper stories of the building have been entirely rebuilt, and the operating department, which occupies the whole of the eighth floor and part of the seventh, is now claimed to be the most complete telegraph office in the world, and the largest with one exception, that in London, recently described in these columns. The wires, 2,150 in number, enter the building from underground conduits in cables of 100 conductors each, laid in iron ducts and terminat ing in a fireproof vault. This vault is of slate, supported in an iron frame, and can take 3,200 wires. From here the wires run in 3-in. wrought iron pipes through two widely separated fireproof shafts to the operating rooms.

Here they are carried to the tables by channels in the floor, which are laid in both directions (at right angles) and pass under the centre of each table. The channels were made by laying down wooden molds on the fireproof floor and filling in around them with concrete to form the final floor. The channels are covered with slabs of with Chicago, one with St. Louis and one with New

The switches are of the usual double jack pattern, with a total of 1.025 straps and 30 horizontal rows of discs. All the switchboards are surmounted by banks of incandescent lamps, to be used as resistances. About 2,100 of these lamps are used. All dynamo leads and ground connections can be quickly cut off in case of fire, and the main lines have "W. B. G." protectors, a short piece of fusible wire, which is relied upon to melt in case of an abnormally strong current. Besides the five main-line switches there are several others, including a loop switch, which accommodates 450 loops, extending to brokers' and other branch offices. Most of these loops connect with duplex or quadruplex lines, and the resistance lamps, which range from 20 to 80 ohms, are to adjust the resistances of the loops for these instruments. just the resistances of the loops for these instruments. A number of special dynamos, used as intermediate bat-teries, are brought to this board and can be connected by "flying loops," of which there are 125, with any desired line. The functions of this switch are similar to that of the central office in a telephone exchange system.

A number of leased wires are connected with an an nunciator switch, fitted with drops in the usual way. The lessee, by grounding, can at any time release the drop connected with his wire, and thus promptly call the attention of the chief operator in the general office. The time repeater for sending out standard time at noon has 92 repeating magnets, the points of which are connected by as many loops to the five main-line switch, boards. This apparatus can also be used as a repeater for sending messages, so that on such an occasion as an election night a single operator may send on 92 wires at

All the foregoing is on the eighth floor. The seventh floor contains the Wheatstone instruments, the Milliken-

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The pneumatic tubes to Twenty-third street, which have been in use several years, are 3 in. diameter inside, and there are three way-stations. The tubes are of brass, weighing 3 lbs. to the foot. They are laid in pairs, in creosoted boxes, under the middle of the street. The tubes to the other offices are 2½ in. diameter; and six local lines are supported by the street of the street. ringle lines, running to newspaper offices, are 1½ in. di-aneter. The total length of tubes is 13 miles. With a vacuum of 22 in. the carriers to Twenty-third street trazel about 24 miles an hour. All lines except those in the newspaper offices are double, and carriers follow each other as fast as may be desired, neither a space interval nor a time interval system being found necessary. The air pumps are operated by horizontal duplex engines of 36 in. stroke, the steam cylinders being 20 in and the air cylinders 32 in. diameter. The engines have a capaair cylinders of it. diameter. The engines have a capacity of about 500 H. P., but use only about one-tenth of that at present. Water-proof carriers are provided to guard against damage to papers by moisture.

The building is lighted throughout by electricity, by

three Edison No. 18 machines driven by three 75 H. P. Straight-Line engines. Steam is supplied from the street main, but there are six boilers always kept ready to fire up at a moment's notice. The number of lines operated from the building is 750, of which four are Wheatstone, 42 duplex, 62 quadruplex, two printer and the rest Morse. The office has accommodations for 800 operators, and the daily average number of messages handled is 100,000, exclusive of press reports.

Chew, Chew, to Go Ahead.

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And chew, chew, to-back-her, is doubtless the rule on the Manhattan, as on other roads, for locomotive runners who wish to make their engines move energetically; but the conductors and guards on the Manhattan must get along without the conforting sanction of that euphonious rule—in other words, they have been notified that they must not chew tobacco. Passengers have complained so nuch of soiled clothing and annoyairces of various sorts that the masagement concludes that it is best to adopt a higher standard of neatness.



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Some of the large railroad companies are watching carefully the attempts to introduce new air brakes and are trying to prevent the use of inefficient brakes on freight trains. So far, orders have been issued to conductors to cut out uncertain and unknown air brakes only; but a further decision has been reached that if such brakes are found to be cut in with the standard brakes of the road, owing to the inability on the part of inspectors and trainmen to distinguish between the good and the bad, something will be done to prevent as far as possible receiving cars with uncertain brakes.
At present cards will be issued to be tacked on each side of the cars with the words "odd air brake" there on. An important step has already been taken by the Executive Committee of the Master Car Builders Association in the allotment of the subject of standard air brake tests to the Committee on Metal for Brake Shoes, Messrs. Rhodes, Wall and Gibbs. The primary purpose of this Committee is, as we under-stand, to compare the New York with the Westinghouse, taking the latter as a standard. This Commit tee has already had one meeting. The interest shown by several general managers to whose attention this matter has been brought is sufficient to encourage the adoption of a clause in the rules of interchange that will prevent the use by private car companies and others of an air brake that is not in every way what has been determined by experiment to be a safe and operative device for freight trains.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy is conducting a cries of trials of the Westinghouse and the New York air brakes this week at Burlington. The plan was to commence on Wednesday morning with a test of the New York air brake with the new triple valve. Cn Thursday a test was to be made of the Westinghouse ith the light graduating spring, and on Friday a test of the same brake with a heavy graduating spring. It may not be generally known what is meant by the graduating spring; it is the spring under the piston of which keeps this piston traveling within the limits of the graduation or service stops under ordinary conditions. When there is a large reduction of pressure in the train pipe, the triple valve piston moves forward and compresses this spring and brings into action the emergency feature which applies the brakes with greater force and rapidity than for service stops. The use of the heavy spring has been a necessity in order to give a greater latitude in which the engineer may work his brake handle without bringing the emergency work his brake handle without bringing the emergency feature into action, during the period when the old three-way cock is being removed from the locomotives and the new automatic engineer's valve used in its

The light graduating spring is the proper one to use as soon as freihgt trains are nearly all equipped with air brakes and the automatic engineer's valve is generally applied to the engine. These trials at Burlington are the most important that have taken place since the Westinghouse train went around the country in 1887. Measurements will be made of that action of the two types of brakes under regular service conditions on a fifty car train. There will be a dynaeter car and a slideometer in the rear car, as at the Burlington, 1887, tests. The purpose of these tests to determine two things-one the comparative rapidity of action of the New York air brake and the other the amount of shock produced in a fifty car train with vertical plane couplers in the ordinary condition, in the last car on a fifty car train, during an emergency stop with each type of brakes.

The Chicago & Northwestern has given the Hall signal Company a contract for automatic wire circuit block signals to equip 87½ miles of its double track lines (on the divisions terminating in Chicago), and in connection with the same work will put in 52 Hall bells at street crossings, thus making the contract the largest ever given for automatic signal work. It calls for the erection of 200 block signals, to be place average of 4,000 ft. apart. President Hughitt, General Manager Whitman, and Assistant Engineer Cartes adopted the Hall system after carefully investi-gating the systems in use on the Pennsylvania, Boston & Albany, New York Central and various other roads. The block signals will be put on the different divisions as follows: Galena Division, from Fortieth street (Chicago), to Turner Junction; Milwaukee Division, from Claybourn Junction to Waukegan; Wis consin Division, from Claybourn Junction to Barring ton. The decision to use the wire circuit, with short sections so that no permissive blocking will be allowed, makes this a very interesting installation and it will be watched with much interest. Automatic signaling has now obtained so good a foothold that the question of its efficiency as compared with the man-operated system is an important one, and managers and signal engineers who desire to see perfection attained will look with interest to operation of this extensive plant for additional data bearing on the solution of that question. The relative merits of different automatic systems can also be better compared than has been possible so far. For roads of comparatively light traffic the competition, for the present, is between the Hall and the Union Electric clock work). The electro-pneumatic is a very plete system, but probably too expensive for any but those where the traffic is intense The Hall has the advantage of simplicity in using no force but the electro-magnet, but the disadvantage of a glass covering over the signal, if that is a disadvan-The use of a wire circuit system presupposes tage. absolute blocking only, but absolute blocking is the only right kind under any system. It must also assumed that trains will not break in two, but that is not an insurmountable difficulty, for these signals have been used for years on the New York, New Haven & Hartford; and it would, moreover, be easy to have the rear car instead of the engine clear the signal for a block section that has been vacated. Western railroad men who have been unwilling to judge of signals operated under Eastern methods will now nce to see the working of the wire circuit system under their own conditions, and on one of

Three Thousand Miles of Block Signals.

The present marked activity in the matter of block ignaling gives ground for confidence that the rate of progress in this means of safety is to show a decided increase, and in view of this probable expansion, it may be worth while to look backward for a moment. Over three thousand miles of American railroad is now operated under block signal rules, a larger total than is appreciated by most men, even those interested, unless they stop to count it up. As the comparing of our lack with England's abundance in this matter has come to be in a sense a habit, it will be well to revise our notes, and, although American signaling is still in its infancy, to definitely recognize the progress that has been made. It should be remembered that we are not to compare our two per cent, out of thousands of miles of "thin" road with Great Britain's 95 per cent. (based on 100 per cent. of very busy roads); the fairer comparison

and print the table hereunder. The 3,000-mile estimate just given is made up of the mileage indicated by a star (°). The total of these starred figures is over 3,500 miles, but we have stated the sum conservatively be cause a number of the items were partly notably the Pennsylvania system east of Pittsburgh, which has 580 miles that we know of, but on which there are a number of single track divisions for which the exact figures have not come to hand. Other represent lines on which there are varying conditions, as stated in the footnotes; but the total of the entire list, nearly 7,000 miles, should not by any means be regarded as a "manufactured" statement, for it repnts practice which is a decided improvement of old-fashioned methods.

The list includes only those roads employing the space interval to a greater or less extent on a con-siderable length of road. But as progress may be looked for among those who have already taken some action, it is proper to name, in this nection, a half dozen or more other roads which have small sections of road blocked. These are: Connecti-cut River; New York. Ontario & Western; Savannah, Florida & Western: Seaboard & Roanoke; East Tene, Virginia & Georgia; Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, and Southern Pacific.

MILEAGE OF RAILROADS OPERATED UNDER BLOCK SIGNAL.

RULES.	
	Auto- matic. Miles of road.
Baltimore & Ohio. 320° Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern. 8° Boston & Albany. Central of New Jersey. Chesapeake & Ohio. 37°	110° 7°
Chicago & Alton. 53* Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul 288*	
Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton 25° Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis	16-
Fitchburg. Lake Shore & Michigan Southern	14° 14°
New York, Lake Erie & Western 453" New York & New England	15° 56° 21° 130°
Pennsylvania Entire system east of Pittsburgh. 700 Pennsylvania Entire system west of Pittsburgh. 300 Wabash. 76 West-hore. 423	64
Total miles	397

We need not repeat what we have often said before that in consequence of the absence of interlocking much of the block signaling falls a good deal short of perfection, nor that permissive blocking, for freight trains, is practiced on nearly all the lines represented. this last explanation has to be made for a considerable entage of English roads. And the most that the British Board of Trade has done in the way of compulsion has been to order companies to erect and maintain the apparatus or appliances deemed by the Board necessary for the operation of the block system; no action is taken to prevent permissive blocking, though the inspectors always frown upon it severely when they e across it in an accident investigation.

What we wish to emphasize is the central fact that the safety of passenger trains is being secured, on a mileage that is now large enough to be appreciable, better than can possibly be done by the time interval system. From 1,000 to 1,500 miles of the manual and 200 miles of the automatic signals have been put in use within the past three years. The Erie now has over 300 miles additional in preparation and the Central of New Jersey has just given a contract for about 25 miles electro-pneumatic signaling for its four track The extension of the pneumatic eastward from Pittsburgh on the Pennsylvania and the active preparations being made by the New York Central to block the whole of its main line, 439 miles, are too well known to need repetition. The Hall Signal Co.'s contract with the Chicago & Northwestern, just announced, is more fully spoken of elsewhere

New York to Chicago in 18 Hours.

A mail train to run from New York to Chicago in about 18 hours, over the New York Central & Hudson River and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, has been discussed in the newspapers during the past week,

Operated under the following rule: "A train that is passed to an open telegraph station by a passenger train going in the ame direction, will not leave that station until notified by the perator that the passenger train has passed the next teleraph station; if the wire is not working will wait 20 minutes, train will not leave a closed or non-telegraph station to allow a passenger train until 20 minutes after departure of the passenger train."

All trains blocked a station apart in foggy weather and nowstorms.

though nothing seems to have been decided upon, and the post office authorities at Washington on one side and the officers of the New York Central on the other seem to be each inclined to throw upon the other the responsi bility of having first suggested the idea. Such a train is doubtless practicable and the only question, as Vice-President Webb says, is whether the government is willing to pay the necessary cost. The speed would be practically the same as that made by the Empire State Express, and that train has made a very credit able record thus far. A summary of the train sheets for the 58 days from Oct. 26 to Dec. 81 shows that it arrived in Buffalo on time on 40 days and not over five minutes late on seven other days. There were five days on which delays of over half an hour occurred, slight mishaps to freight trains having occasioned these in each case. On Dec. 25, 28 minutes lost time was made up between Albany and Buffalo, and con siderable losses have been made up on other days. The schedule of this train is 8 h. 40 m. for 489½ miles, equa to 50.75 miles an hour, including the four stops. distance through to Chicago is 965 miles (calling the Lake Shore via the Sandusky and Air Line divisions 525½) and the Empire State's route would make the schedule through 19 hours, equal to 18 hours apparent time, and 30 minutes longer than the time mentioned by the newspapers.

As regards track and grades the Lake Shore is doubtss as good as the New York Central for fast trains and in freedom from curves even better; but it has not three extra tracks on which to run the other trains, and some of the way it has not even one; that is, it is single track road. But there are two separate roads t of the way where there is not a double track that the conditions can be made quite favorable every It is, of course, incumbent upon a manager to make them as favorable as possible in such a case, even for a mail train, for to kill six mail clerks, as at Kipton last April; is as bad either ethically or in a busin use, as to slaughter the same number of passengers The use of the absolute block system, on both double and single track, at least for this train, and the equip ment of all facing points on double track and of all switches on single track with distant signals should, therefore, be regarded as imperative prerequisites to making this further attempt to beat the world.

But after safety comes the question of cost; and though the Government may conclude to pay a very liberal price, the question with the road is whether the real cost can be determined at all. To make very high speed with regularity, other trains, especially freight trains, must be run so as to clear the fast train by a large margin—more than 10 minutes, in many cases—and the losses, direct and indirect, by the delays caused in this way are not easy to calculate. A train of this kind would be of value to people sending letters through between New York and the Missouri River and places west of there, but it is still somewhat questionable improvement for business be tween New York and Chicago proper, as letters must be mailed in New York about three o'clock and can not be delivered in Chicago until about 11 or 12 the next morning. To really cover the 965 miles tween two business days" would require a decided advance on the " Empire State" schedule.

Railroad Growth and Parliamentary Costs in Eng-

The applications to Parliament for authority to build new railroad lines in Great Britain are less now than at previous sessions of Parliament, which may to e extent be due to the fact that the companies have just had their authority to make charges limited, and that they do not yet know just what effect the change will have on their earnings. It is not a simple matter to get authority to build a railroad in Great Britain, and it is generally very costly. The application for a and it is generally very costly. The application for a bill must be accompanied by detailed plans and estimates, and the opposing interests must be faced before the Parliamentary committee, before which something like a trial of the merits of the proposition is held and substantial sum must be deposited as evidence that the promoters seriously intend to carry out their pro-And it is by no means certain that authority will be granted.

An article in Engineering of Jan. 15 shows that in the 35 years from 1856 to 1800 the bills deposited sought authority for 42,983 miles of railroad, while only 11,798 miles were actually built in that period, so that most of the bills were either withdrawn or rejected. In the last 20 years of that period, the bills presented proposed 17,544 miles of new railroad and the expenditure of \$3,865,000,000—some three times much as was actually expended in that time.

panies. If a new line is needed, the managers of existing lines know it better than any one else, and in almost all cases it will be worth more as part of an existing system than if it stands alone. A report to the House of Commons in 1883 showed that the companies then existing had expended simply for promoting bills in Parliament the sum of £3,925,000 = \$19,100,000, which was an average of \$14,550 for each bill introduced. Engineering estimates that the aggregate parliamentary expenditure from 1855 to 1890 was not much if any less than £25,000,000, or \$121,500,000 This is at the rate of \$10.300 per mile of railroad actually constructed in that time, and to \$2,420 per mile for the lines for which bills were asked, nearly three-fourths of which were not built. With these certain expenses before permission can be obtained to build a railroad, the people who get up a project in the hope of finding some one else to pay for it are likely to be

The railroad system of Great Britain has for many ears increased very stowly; from 15,537 miles in 1870 to 17,933 in 1850, and 20,073 in 1890. In the last three years 508 miles were opened. Little is built because little is needed. The country is already well supplied with means of transportation. There is room for more in Ireland, but as those already built there do not pay for the most part, there is naturally no desire to build more. The situation in England is somewhat similar to that in New England and the Middle States, so far as railroad building is concerned; but Great Britain reached this position long ago, and our states only recently. The territory included in "Group II.," Middle States, by the Census Bureau, shows of late years a rate of increase in mileage rather less than that of Great Britain. The Middle States have nearly the same area as Great Britain, and about one-tenth less railroad, and one-third the population.

Passenger Statistics-Prussian State Railroads.

Most elaborate stastistics have be Most elaborate stastistics have been compiled of the passenger traffic and earnings of the Prussian State Railroads for the three months December, 1889, March and July, 1890, probably as material to be used in studying propositions for a reform of passenger fares, which the great reductions in Hungary and Austria have made a burning question in Germany. These statistics cover 27 of the octavo pages of the Archiv fur Eisenbahnwesen. They give the number of tickets collected and the earnings from them for each of the four Prussian passenger classes, for each of 25 different distances, 1 to 5 kilometres, 6 to 10, and so on up to 30; then with 10 kilometre intervals up to 60, and then with then with 10 kilometre intervals up to 60, and then with greater intervals. These statistics are given separately for single (one way) tickets, for round trip tickets, for circular (tourist) tickets, for these tickets taken altogether, for season tickets, for school attendants, for workingmen's, for party excursions, etc., tickets, besides tables showing the proportions of the several classes, dis tances, etc. There is no text, except the few lines need sary to tell what the statistics are

Among the many facts shown by these tables is this: Nearly 30 per cent of all tickets were round trip tickets but as fourth class round trip tickets are not sold (except in very few cases) and the fourth class journeys were 41 per cent. of the whole number, this does not properly represent the extent of the round trip sales. Of the first class travel 54 per cent, and of the second and third es 50 per cent. of the journeys were made on round trip tickets. The 54 per cent of the first-class made on these tickets yielded only 28 per cent. of the first class earnings, while the first class single tickets, though only 31 per cent. of the total of the first class tickets, yielded 60 per cent. of the first class earnings. This is not only because of lower price of round trip tickets (25 per cent. we believel but largely because a much larger proportion of them than of single tickets are for short distances. Thus 85 per cent of the round trip tickets, but only 51 per cent. of the single tickets were for distances not re tcan 31 miles

out 58 per cent. of the first-class jo kinds), 78 per cent. of the second-class, 90 of the third and 85 of the fourth were for distances of 50 kilometres (31 miles) or less, and 86.7 per cent. of all the journeys. Of the whole number 94.3 per cent. were journeys of not more than 62 miles, and only 1.1 per cent. of them were as much as 186 miles. The total number of tickets for distances of more than 930 miles during these three months (the system including 15,500 miles of railroad) was 2,387, out of a total of nearly 60 millions, and more chan nine-tenths of these were tourists' excursion tickets. Season tickets are not issued for dis-tances greater than 124 miles. The statistics credit them with two trips daily each, which indicates that there were less than 20,000 season ticket

For 30 years most of the additions to the English age. The workmen's tickets are fourth-class, the greater railroads have been made, naturally, by the old compart of them are really season tickets for one week. The part of them are really season tickets for one week. The number of trips on the workmen's tickets was 5,570.000 in the three months, which gives a trip each way every week day for 34,800 prople, which is hardly more than might be expected to use the Berlin Elevated Railroad. Still the journeys made on workmen's tickets were per cent. of the whole number. They produced but 0.8 per cent. of the earnings, the average cost of each journey being only 2½ cents. The very large proportion of round-trip tickets materially reduces the average rates from those for single journeys, which are usually accepted as representing ordinary fares.

> e Manhattan Elevated Road (New York City) has lately extended its third or middle track on the nort portion of the Sixth Avenue line, so that a length of 4.65 miles is now used for express trains during the morning and evening hours, and trains are being run through from Rector street to 155th street, 10% miles, in 35 minutes. A trial run was made in 3236 minutes. Por-tions of this middle track have been in use for some time, to permit the express trains to pass local trains without stopping, and the improvement consists essentially in extending the track so that expresses can be run with fewer delays to the local trains. Most of the express trains run on the Ninth Avenue line between Rector and Fifty-ninth streets, that being less busy than the Sixth Avenue line. There are now 11 express trains southward in the morning and 7 northward in the after-Still further extension of the track is in progre no n. Still further extension of the track is in progress and the schedules will probably be further shortened. Railroad men who would like to see a time table which taxes the printing office should examine the working time table of the Sixth Avenue line of the Elevated, which now shows 499 trains each way daily, except Sundays. Of these, about 320 in each direction run Sundays. Of these, about 320 in each direction run through to or from the northern terminus, the others stopping at Fifty-eighth street, which is at the southern end of Central Park. As most of our readers know, the trains on this road have to be run "under control;" that is, each engineman is responsible for keeping clear of the train ahead of him without regard to any signal or time interval, so that the time tables, although a necessity time interval, so that the time tables, although a nece sity for the convenient running of the road, are not de-pended upon for safety, as is the ordinary time table. The schedules have letters and other characters which facilitate changing engines from one train to another and the arrangement of trains during the middle of the day when part of them are taken off. The regular table The regular table is supplemented by a table showing the intervals between trains, which vary from 1.05 minutes to 8.30 minutes, during the busy part of the day. Between midnight and 5 a. m. the interval is 15 minutes. There are several special schedules; one for a baggage which runs in connection with the New York & No ern road, one for an ash train, one for a collector's train, all of which run daily; and for a pay car which runs weekly. The latter is scheduled at the various shops and terminal stations, so that the workmen need waste no time in waiting for it. The three other lines, those on Second, Third and Ninth Avenues, have each a tin table book similar to that of the Sixth Avenue line. Third Avenue there are 504 trains each way daily, on Ninth, 205, and on Second Avenue, 272.

eral statements have appeared regarding the lutra mural radroad in the World's Fair grounds, which would lead readers to believe that this matter is de-cided; but the fact is that negotiations are yet in progress with different constructors who have made propositions. There are several plans to which the officers of the World's Fair have been attracted. One is the proposi-tion to build an elevated structure with wooder columns and steel beam girders, on which it is proposed to run the largest size of double truck street cars, seating about 4) persons, and propelled by electric motors under each car, all connected together and controlled from the front of the train. This is the plan which has in it the least element of experiment. The cost is not great, as the steel beams that will be used can be readil utilized for building construction after the close close of the fair. The cars and motors can be pro-cured on a rental basis, and the outlay will be small for the whole plant. Another plan is to use motor cars at the head of a train of street cars, runring on an elevated structure; but this plan requires such a heavy motor as to increase too much the cost of the structure. It is generally understood that steam locomotives for this purpose have been abandoned, owing to the great weight and cost. At present the movable sidewalk, which has been in experimental operation for several months on the World's Fair grounds, is exciting considerable interest among the World's Fair people. Before the erection of this side-walk there was considerable doubt as to its feasibility; but now that it has been operating daily for such a lo period and with no failures, there is a growing be that it could be made to answer the purpose. its advantages are great, as there is practically no limit to the number of passengers that can be carried, and there is no need of special stations. The cost of operaholders. The earnings from these tickets was about tion when based on the present experiment would be \$\$5,000 for the three months. Only about 6 per cent, of the season tickets were for journeys more than 12½ miles would weigh less per running foot than when made on long, and 70 per cent, of them were for third-class past.

various plans have not been made, but they are to be completed by the first of March, who

me decided steps will probably be taken in Chicago before another year to reduce the number of accidents where street railroads cross steam railroads. Scarcely a week goes by but some one is killed and several injured by a collision between the two kinds of trains. No vision is made in many parts of the city to protect cable cars except the regulation which requires the conductor of the street cars to go forward ahead of his train and stand on the track while the cars run across. This is precaution, but not a prevention. In several cases of accident the conductor was inside of the car and did not know when the crossing was reached, and in others the freight cars of adjacent tracks and sharp curves prevented his seeing the moving locomotive and train until it was too late

It has been suggested that these crossings be inter-locked with distant signals; but the railroad companies have shown this to be impracticable, as the large number of crossings on any road entering Chicago and the great number of cars running on the street lines would practi-cally prevent a train from entering the city within a reasonable time, as it would have to make a stop at

nearly every crossing.

Formerly the trunk lines were opposed to doing anything to relieve the danger, but lalely they have been putting in crossing gates with considerable grace. At present, however, they fear that the city authorities will compel them to elevate their tracks within the city limits; hence they are beginning to favor viaducts, which formerly they refused to build or help to build, saying that it was for the benefit of the city alone and that the people should pay the necessary costs and damagers. damage

The advent of the World's Fair and the decided in-crease in patriotic spirit in the city has led to a demand from the people for an elevated terminal, and the recent from the people for an elevated terminal, and the recent court decisions have indicated to the railroads that the city can compel them to build such terminals. Hence the willingness on the part of the roads to share the expense of building viaducts. However, these feelings are not shared by all roads to the same extent. One or two have signified their willingness to subscribe liberally toward an elevated terminal, while others still fight hard against viaducts or even crossing gates

ssenger tariff was introduced in Holland last year, with rates per kilometre decreasing with the dis-tance traveled, beginning, for the first 50 kilometres with 4 Dutch cents per kilometre for the first class, 3 fo the second, and 2 for the third. Reduced to our per mile these rates are:

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Round trip tickets cost one half more than single tickets In Dutch currency the basis of the rates is very simple. Beginning with 4, 3 and 2 cents per kilometre for the first 50 kilometres, a reduction of one tenth from this is made for the second 50 kilometres, of two tenths for the third 50, and of three tenths for the next thirty kilo-Then the reduction increases by two tenths of the single kilometre rate for the next two additions of 30 kilometres, leaving but one tenth of the basis rate for greater distances. There is scarcely any line more than greater distances. There is scarcely any line more than 150 miles long in Holland. Applying these rates to a journey 162 miles long, which is probably as long as can be made in that country, we find that a third class ticket costs 3.72 Dutch florins = \$1.49, a second class ticket \$2.24, and a first class \$2.98, which seems sufficiently cheap, especially as it only costs one half more to go and return. The great bulk of the travel is for ort distances, however, and for these the rates are not wer than in some other European countries.

A few years ago a party of American capitalists went to Russia to examine the anthracite coal mines in the Donez basin, which were said to be of immense extent and value, and likely to justify the establishment of great iron works and make of that district a sort of Russian Pennsylvania. Apparently nothing came of this inspection, but no reason was given why the Americans did not take up the enterprise. We have now sta-tistics of the Donex coal shipments, which indicate that the mines are not so valuable as they were reported to be, though they are doubtless of great importance to Russia, in many parts of which wood is getting scarce, and where the fuel problem is a serious one to many of the railroads and a serious obstacle to the ssful prosecution of many industries. The figures show 645,490 kilometric tons (2,204 lbs.) to have shipped in 1880, which is increased to 1,188,300 in 188 1,957,070 in 1800. The maximum was 2,100,740 to as in 1889. The decrease the next year was due to a reduced demand, the railroads having a light traffic and requiring less, the beet sugar works using less, and etroleum taking the place of coal more and more in the In 1889 the railroads took 40 per cent, of the total action, the sugar works 14% per cent., steamboats

latter amounting to 195,170 tons what was expected of these mines 195,170 tons, which is not at all

The Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis is making an experiment with limited local tickets similar to that of the Chicago & Alton, although on a small scale. Between a few of the principal stations on the road one-way and round-trip tickets are being sold which are good only for continuous passage. The Alton which are good only for continuous passage. The Alfon tickets, it will be remembered, are good for one day after the date of sale, but with these on the Big Four the journey must be begun on the day of sale. The returning portion of a round-trip ticket is good for 30 days, but as soon as it is presented for passage the conductor punches out the date, so that it is good only for continuous passage. The Alfon of the highest is quite different. ous passage. The form of the ticket is quite different from the Alton's. The time limit is made simply by a printed notice holding the purchaser to the date stamped on the back of the ticket. Each ticket has a detachable check, and this, instead of the ticket proper, bears the General Passenger Agent's signature; this check is de tached by the last conductor and given to the passenger tached by the last conductor and given to the passenger as a receipt, but the value or purpose of this receipt is not clearly apparent. It can hardly answer for a hat check, as it is not to be detached until after it reaches the last conductor. The readiness of the company to redeem unused tickets at the selling office within five days is announced on the face of the ticket.

The high speed, compound locomotive for the Rea as been finished at Baldwin's and will be put into vice at once. The design of this engine is novel and it i the first of that type to be built in this country for high speeds, so far as we can learn, although it has often beer proposed. The general arrangement of the wheels, boile and frame, was shown in the Railroad Gazette, Nov. 13, 1891. It is expected that this will be the most economical high speed engine in this country, as it has compound cylinders, large driving wheels and an unusually large grate and heating surface.

and locomotive of the Chicago, Burlingto & Quincy Railroad, which has been in service about on year, has proved to be a decided success. The engine has been in a wreck and has been generally overhauled and is to be put in service again without material modification. Since this engine was put into freight service there has been a saving of 20 per cent, in fuel consumption. The records have been carefully kept and there can be no dispute as to the saving in this case.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Institution of Mechanical Engineers (British.) Proceedings of the Liverpool meeting, July, 1891.

This volume contains several papers and discussions of special importance. The longest is a Review of Marine Engineering during the past Decade, by Mr. Alfred Blechynden. Another paper by Mr. William Shapton is on the Methods of Storing and Handling Grain at the on the Methods of Storing and Handling Grain at the Alexandra Docks, Liverpool. Mr. E. Leader Williams has a short paper on Mechanical Appliances Used on the Manchester Ship Canal. The pages devoted to the excursions of the society are not the least valuable part of the publication, describing as they do some of the remarkable works in the neighborhood of Liverpool.

Messrs, John Wiley & Sons announce as in preparation a new work on timber and metallic structures entitled Theory and Practice in the Designing of Modern Framed Structures. This book is written jointly by Framed Structures. This book is written jointly by Prof. J. B. Johnson, author of "Theory and Practice of Surveying," and Professor of Civil Engineering in Washington University, St. Louis, by Mr. C. W. Bryan, Designing Engineer of the Edge Moor Bridge Works, Wilmington, Del., and by F. E. Turneure, Instructor in Civil Engineering in Washington University.

The Engineering Magazine: February, 1892.—In this issue Col. W. R. King, Engineer Corps U. S. A., writes in reply to the paper by Mr. Wisner on Worths Government Engineering, which appeared in the nuary issue. Mr. T. L. Greene has a short paper The Decline in Railroad Building, and Dr. Cole January man Sellers continues his important papers on Ameri can Supremacy in Mechani

Journal of the Franklin Institute; February, 1892, -The paper that strikes us as having special value in this saue is one of the 12 pages by Dr. C. B. Dudley on Bearing Metal Alloys," which is to be continued.

Foreign Railroad Notes.

The famous electrical firm of Siemens & Halske has submitted to the Berlin authorities a plan for an elec-trical railroad with several branches in the southern part of that city.

There is a larger proportion of first-class p the Spanish railroads than on those of most other Euro pean railroads, the chief lines having 8 per cent. or more of their passengers in this class. The third-class passen-gers are from 71 to 88 per cent. of the whole,

In Austria, out of a total of 9,588 miles of railroad ,366 miles are worked by the State; in Hungary, of a

5%, and metallurgical works less than 1 per cent., the total of 7,229 miles, 5,835 are State railroads. Austria is about to acquire the lines of and measure 939 miles.

> The government regulations in Austria concerning ne construction of raifroad bridges, issued in 1887, per mit the use of wrought iron exclusively, and do not admit Bessemer or Martin steel; but the Minister of Commerce has how directed the Railroad Inspecting Bureau to prepare new regulations for the use of steel.

The Austrian railroads have reported on the state of ruit and forest tree culture on their right of way at the lose of 1890. They had then 359,573 fruit trees, averagng 37.8 per mile of road, an increase of 10,580 trees du ng the year. Eight railroads had besides 63,663 mu ing the year. Eight railroads had besides 63,663 mul-berry trees. Of forest trees and shrubs, 3,503,186 had been planted separately, besides 5,325,044 in rows and an area of several thousand acres in separate inclos-

So many accidents have occurred on the steam tram-way from Paris to St. Germain, which enters well into the city, that the Prefect of Police has ordered that the speed of trains on it be limited to 10 miles an bour inside the fortifications, and 12½ miles outside—the latter about elevated railroad speed. At street crossings the speed must be reduced to a walking pace.

The steam tramways which have become ortant part of the transportation system of Italy, and in the extent of which it far surpasses all other coun-tries, at the beginning of 1891 were 124 in number, of which 81 were main lines and 43 branches, and they measured in the aggregate no less than 1,577 miles, an average of 12.7 miles for each line or branch. Of the entire mileage all but 200 miles was laid in public high ways. All but three lines have the standard gauge. Generally the greatest speed of trains on these roads is 1234 miles an hour, but on one line a train runs 1554 miles an hour. On a line running into Florence the ecd is but 4% miles an hour. On most lines four is the imum number of cars in a train, but betw Tivoli a train sometimes has 11 cars. cases one company owns several tramways. One of the tramways (Mantua to Brescia) is 435 miles long, and another, in the southeast part of the Peninsula (Bari to Barletta), 40 miles long. These lines usually begin at the outskirts of large towns.

The Russian railroads do not excel in speed. through time-tables, with routes the longest of which are as much as 1,500 miles, only 6 show speeds above 26 miles, with a maximum of 28 miles, 5 between 23 and 26 miles, 56 between 20 and 23, 99 between 161% and and 23 miles, 56 between 20 and 23, 99 between 10% and 20, 107 between 13 and 16% and 23 less than 13 miles—speeds which remind us of our Southern railroads shortly after the war. Considering the population of Russis the passenger traffic is very small, the number of passenger journeys in 1888 having been 43,000,000, with the unusually long average journey of 66 miles. The population below 20,000,000 this gives an average of 24% miles tion being 90,000,000 this gives an average of 241% miles of travel for each inhabitant, against an average of 19 miles in this country. There were but about 18,000 miles of railroad, however, in Russia to our 156,000, and the passenger traffic is denser, on the average, on the Russian railroads than on ours, being equivalent to the movement of 168 passengers each way daily there and of

Until last year grain was always carried in sacks on the Russian railroads, though in favorable seasons enormous quantities were shipped to Baltic and Black Sea ports for export, under the circumstances most favorable for grading and carrying in bulk. Last spring the Minister for Railroad Affairs issued elaborate reguthe minister for fairbad Afrairs issued eaborate regulations for carrying grain in bulk. Two methods were permitted, one like ours, with grain doors, and the other a patented process, by which the inside of the car was occupied by a single great sack, which held the grain in a method which was once suggested here for carrying grain in open coal cars. If the shipper uses the grain doors supplied by the railroad he pays a rouble (about 50 carry for one or carrying 2000) he and the railroad here for carrying the shipper carrying the same carrying th cents) for one car carrying 22,000 lbs., and the railroad guarantees the delivery of the whole weight received, leav I per cent. allowed for drying en route; but if he uses his own grain doors the railroad is not responsible for the quantity delivered, unless it is proved that the shortage was due to its fault. Very soon after the issue of these regulations one third of the receipts at Riga came in bulk, and it was believed that very soon substantially the whole Russian exports would be transported in that way, to the great saving of sacks, 98,000,000 of which are said to have been used in the Russian grain trade.

Lamont & Bronner's Car Roof.

An interesting design of metal car roof is shown by the accompanying cut. It was devised and patented by Mr. E. D. Bronner, Master Car Builder of the Michigan Central Railroad, and Mr. R. P. Lamont, who has de-voted considerable attention to metal car construcvoted considerable attention to metal car construc-tion. This roof, as shown, is made of corrugated metal which gives the necessary stiffness between the carlines, which are made of rolled semi-circular tee section. There are two styles of corrugated roof used in this construction; one shown on the left and the other on the right of the cut. One has corrugations comparatively close together, and in the other they are separated by a flat space. For an all metal roof, this is one of the best that has been proposed. It has the advantage of being strictly water tight, and is easily repaired, and it is cheap and strong. Metal roofs have been objected to etc., will be given to the exhibitors free of charge. a flat space. For an all metal roof, this is one of the best that has been proposed. It has the advantage of being strictly water tight, and is easily repaired, and it is cheap and strong. Metal roofs have been objected to by many on account of the danger of trainmen slipping when passing to and fro; but to prevent this it is



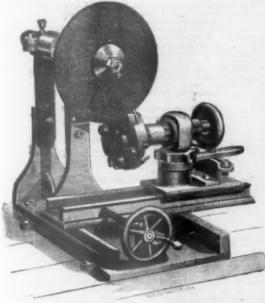
necessary to put a longitudinal strip of wood alo roof of the car and secure it to the carlines.

Shimer Head Grinder.

With this we show an illustration of a machine made especially for grinding the bits of shimer heads or other

especially for grinding the bits of shimer heads or other similar work on wood-working machinery.

As will be seen, the machine consists of a head supporting the emery wheel arbor at the top in such a manner as to be adjustable, and below this a head on which is supported an arbor to which the shimer head is secured. This arbor can be raised or lowered for adjustment by means of a thread cut on the shank, and can be turned to any desired angle and clamped. When adjusted we record it is only necessary to higher the bits are justed properly it is only necessary to bring the bits one after another into position by revolving the arbor. They are ground by moving the carriage by the hand wheel shown. This insures uniform work, and, of course, the the work is very quickly done, all the difficulties met with in grinding such bits by hand being done away



The machine weighs 420 tbs., or, without the table, 200 lbs. Its height from the table to the centre of the spindle is 17 in., and from the floor 35 in. The emery wheel used is $10 \text{ in.} \times \%$ in. There is a countershaft with pulleys for a 3 in. belt, and it should run at a speed of 370 revolutions, giving the wheel a speed of 1,900 revolutions. It is nade by the Springfield Emery Wheel Manufacturing Co., Bridgeport, Conn.

TECHNICAL.

Manufacturing and Business.

The Walker Manufacturing Company of Cleveland, O., has just completed a 75-ton rope wheel 32 ft. in diameter for the Third Avenue cable road, New York City. Four of these are to be built. The face of the pulley is 73 in. wide, and there are 32 grooves for carrying 21/4 in. cotton ropes. This is one of the largest rope wheels built in this country, and is a magnificent example of detail of rope driving machinery.

The business of the firm of Reginald Canning & Co., of New York, is now being carried on by Reginald Canning without change of name, Mr. John S. Dodge having retired from the firm on Jan. 1, when the copartnership was dissolved.

The Albion Iron Works, at Victoria, B. C., have an option on land at Shoal Point, near the outer wharf, upon which it is intended to build large iron works. Provision has been made for a dry dock, and an extensive iron ship building plant may be part of the enter-

The St. John Bolt & Nut Works will be in running or der again by March.

The W. C. White Lumber Co., of Cumberland, Md., nave closed a contract with the South Baltimore Car Works for the delivery of a million feet of dried sawed white oak lumber for car building purposes. The purchase amounted to over \$23,000, and the timber will be cut along the West Virginia Central Railroad and shipped from Gorman and Scull stations, W. Va.

The New York Construction Co., with a capital stock of \$150,000, has been incorporated at Indian Springs, Fla., by John O. Bronson, Albert Matthews and W. W. Walker, for the purpose of constructing bridges, railroads, etc

The Lebigh Spring Co., of Lebighton, Pa., will, it is reported, construct a branch factory at Cumberland Md., for the manufacture of railroad and spiral springs

The Texas & Louisiana Equipment Co, has been incorporated in Illinois, and also the Illinois & Texas Construction Co., with a capital stock of \$50,000, to build railroads and bridges. The incorporators are Monroe L. Willard, Lockwood Honore and Eugene A. Dupee.

Negotiations are now pending among the proprietors of the Benwood Iron Works, the Wheeling Iron & Nail Co. and the Belmont Iron Works, all located in Wheeling, looking to a combination of the three concerns der one management. A joint meeting of the direct of the three companies was held last week and pla were presented for the consolidation. The joint capital is to be nearly \$2,000,000.

New Shops.

The Halifax Street Railroad Co. proposes to equip its rupair shops at Halifax, N. S., with machinery to build street cars. It will soon begin the construction of six open cars.

It is said that plans will soon be ready for the extension of the Pennsylvania Railroad station in Philadel phia from Broad and Filbert to Market street.

Signaling.

The office of Engineer of Signals has been created on the Main Line of the New York, Lake Erie & Western. Mr. Arthur H. Johnson, until lately with the Johnson Railroad Signal Company, has been appointed to the position. His headquarters are in Jersey City, and he has charge of all the new signal work and of mainte nance. In matters of maintenance and operation he is under the orders of the General Superintendent, and in matters of new construction under the Civil Engineer.

Electric Motors for Suburban Service,

There has been a good deal of talk recently about the intention of the Illinois Central Railroad to put on electric motors for its suburban trains. A dispatch of Feb. 2, states that the Board of Directors has concluded to abandon, for the present at least, this idea. A special committee investigated the matter and concluded that the use of electricity for such purposes is not yet sufficiently developed to warrant the change.

Submarine Boat.

In Detroit there is building a submarine boat invented by George C. Baker, of Chicago. The boat has been designed by Frederick A. Ballin, Naval Architect, of Detroit. The propeller shaft can be placed at any angle, and when revolved will cause either propulsion or the submersion of the vessel, as required. This experimental boat will be 40 ft. long, 9 ft. wide, and 14 ft. deep. It is constructed of oak, and is calculated to stand an external pressure of 40 lbs. per sq. in. Steam will be used as a motive power to propel the boat. The smoke stack is connected with an outside cast-iron conduit, which is provided with a check valve, and air for blowing the fires is stored in the hull and is forced out of the smoke pipe into the water by a blowing engine.

A Six-Yard Dipper Dredge.

The Bucyrus Steam Shovel & Dredge Co. is to furnish the dredging machinery for what will be, when com the dredging machinery for what will be, when completed, the largest dipper dredge in the world. The hull will be 100×34 , $9\frac{1}{2}$ ft. deep, built of oak with fron truss and head beams, and 30 in. $\times 30$ in. spuds to be hoisted by steam. It will have two engines 16 in. $\times 18$ in., and double gears and frictions. The swinging engines will have 9 in. $\times 12$ in. cylinders and the dipper will have a capatity of 6 ca. yds. The dredge is to be will for Massers Gargers H. Beargman & Brees, who have built for Messrs. George H. Boergman & Bros., who have large contracts in and about Maumee Bay.

The Butler Drawbar Attachment.

There is much interest in devices which will prevent the vertical plane car coupler from falling on the track when the fastenings at the inner end are broken, and where such safety devices are combined as in the Butler attachment there is a reduction in the number of parts and gain in the simplicity of construction. The Butler and gain in the simplicity of construction. The Butter drawbar attachment when used with a strap instead of a tail bolt acts as a safety stop to prevent the drawbar from The National Railway Exposition is an incorporated pulling out when the sills are fractured and the drawbar from institution for the purpose of maintaining a permanent exhibit of railroad mechanical and electrical appliances in Chicago, at 22 and 24 Custom House Place. The location is in the vicinity of the Grand Pacific Hotel, the

destroyed; at least these are the claims made by the destroyed; at least these are the claims made by the manufacturers of the device. Also, as this attachment is more securely held in position by lugs and bolts than the ordinary form of draught gear, it is less liable to be pulled from its fastenings, and, therefore, there is not with it, when the yoke stop is used, the same need for an additional security to prevent the drawbars from falling upon the track.

An Electric Tricycle

An electric tricycle, worked by storage battery power is described in a recent issue of the Revue Industrielle. The tricycle, which was fitted up according to the design of M. H. de Graftigny, is of the ordinary pattern, the saddle, however, being replaced by a light wooden box which serves equally well as a seat and which contains the working mechanism. There are two chromic acid batteries of 18 cells, weighing, in working condition about 45 lbs. The current is supplied to a small motor which, through chain gearing, drives the main driving axle. The whole outfit complete weighs only about 154 lbs. and, in a number of trials made during the past two months, is said to have performed very satisfactorily. The motor develops about ½ H. P., and, when carrying two persons, the tricycle can attain a speed of about 12% miles per hour.

Locomotive Boiler Explosions.

On Jan. 22 engine No. 585 of the Reading exploded while standing near a roundhouse. It was a heavy engine, and had been built about two years. No one was near

it at the time, and nobody seen to have been hurt. It is said that the steam pressure was but 80!bs. How this is known, bowever, is not stated. This, we understand, was a Wootten

Another explosion occurred in St. Clair, Pa., on the morning of Jan. 28. Five men were killed, being engineer, fireman, conductor and two brakemen. This was locomotive No. 956 of the Phila-delphia & Reading, which was standing on a siding at New-castle, a mining village. The men killed were standing around the engine at the time of the explosion. The locomotive was one of the Cushing type, which was shown in much detail in the Railroad Gazette of Jan. 4, 1889.

The general arrangement of the firebox is shown in the accompanying sketch.

Another expiosion is reported on Feb. 2, of engine No. Another exposion is reported in res. 2, of engine No. 47, Chicago & Aiton, a mile south of Joliet. The locomotive was pulling a heavy freight, with a pusher helping, over a grade. The explosion happened just as the engine had reached the top of the hill. Two were killed

and one severely, perhaps fatally, wounded. A Complete Operative Model of a Locomotive.

In the little town of Piedmont, on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Stephen Paganhardt, a young mechanic, has constructed a locomotive model which is probably the most complete that has ever been built to so small a cale. It is about one eighth size, and has every detail omplete and operative that is used on a full sized loconotive. Even the injectors were specially constructed and operate under steam pressure. There are operative steam gauges, whistle, safety valves, air brakes, air pumps, etc. It will be exhibited at the World's fair.

Electric Drills in Europe.

The advantages of portable electric drilling machines which, within the past few years, have found considerable application in this country, are apparently now being more widely recognized abroad and foreign journals have, of late, illustrated and described a number of ap pliances of this class. One of the latest is of French make, being turned out by Messrs. Sautter, Harlé & Co., of Paris. The illustrations of it, given in the Revue Inof Paris. The litistrations of it, given is the Recut In-dustrielle, show a complete outfit designed particularly for ship use, in drilling ships plates, etc. It embraces a trolley arrangement for taking the current from the main circuit, a rheostat, and an electric motor, trans-mitting its power to a drill by means of a flexible shaft,

Steel Ties in India.

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With the relaying of the Prome (Burma State) line, the new steel trough sleeper is superseding the time-honored timber sleeper in certain parts. These sleepers are certainly the best type of metal sleepers yet introduced. It has no tie rods to break or loosen from wear and tear, no cotters to work loose and fall ont, there being no chairs and spikes to be be removed, which for the new flanged rails are still required when timber sleepers are used. With all these advantages, timber sleepers cannot be discarded altogether, as for all points and crossings where greater lengths are required timber sleepers must be used.—Indian Engineering.

An Alumioum Light.

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M. Villon proposes, in the Revue de Chimie Industrielle, to replace the magnesium light, now so extensively used for photographic purposes, by an aluminum light. Aluminum, he points out, costs only one third as much as magnesium, and burns in much the same manner as the latter metal, only more slowly. In the oxyhydrogen flame it burns with an intense light without producing smoke, which is a most important feature, and which is held to constitute a great advantage over magnesium.

THE SCRAP HEAP.

The transfer of the stock yards at East St. Louis to the new Chicago owners was consummated Jan. 27, and the President of the company is now Edward Morris, of Chicago. The Treasurer is E. F. Swift.

The shops of the Queen & Crescent road at Meridian, Miss., were burned Jan. 27, only the offices and round-house being saved. A large freight house of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton in Cincinnati was burned last

The annual meeting of the Railway Employés Club of Minnesota was held in St. Paul, Jan. 27, 62 branch clubs in different parts of the state being represented. The President of the state club is John B. Copeland, of Crookston, and the Secretary, W. E. Perry, of Minneapolis.

An arrest was made at Charlotte, N. C., last week, of the man who, it is claimed, caused the wreck on the Western North Carolina road near Statesville, N. C., last September. A circumstantial account of his apprehension is given and it is said that he has made a confession

confession.

Senator George, of Mississippi, has introduced a bill in Congress making transportation companies liable for injuries to employes, the principle of the proposed measure being similar to that of the law now in force in Massachusetts, which materially changes the old common law rule relieving the employer where there is negligence of a fellow employé.

Large meetings of railroad brotherhoods were held in New York City and in Indianapolis on Sunday last. That in New York City was under the auspices of the Order of Railway Conductors, and is claimed to have been attended by 2,000 delegates. Prominent members of the Firemen's, Trainmen's and Telegraphers' brotherhoods were present. The reports indicate that proposed legis-lation in New York State was the chief subject under

Sensational accounts were printed last week to the effect that the Long Island & Eastern States Express running between Brooklyn and Boston, via Oyster Bay, Wilson's Point and Hawleyville, was to be taken off on Wilson's Point and Hawleyville, was to be taken off on account of lack of business; but on the following day the officers of the road stated not only that the train would be continued, but that a day train would be put on in the spring. It seems, however, that the train has failed to make time, and has made no astonishingly large profits. The schedule is to be lengthened half an hour. The report that the New York & New England is to be double tracked between Hawleyville and Hartford still seems to be based chiefly on rumor.

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The labor unions at Butte, Mont., have fixed \$3 per day as the minimum wages to be paid laboring men in that vicinity. Foley Bros. & Guthrie, of St. Paul, recently began work on a spur track from the Montana Central to some mining properties, and paid their laborers \$2 per day. On Sunday last the unions not having succeeded in frightening either the contractors or the men, a mob of 2.500 men went to the camp and compelled the men to pack up their effects, which were loaded into the contractor's wagons and their horses used loaded into the contractor's wagons and their horses used in bringing them into Butte. The captured men were taken to the miners' union hall, compelled to join the workingmen's union, then allowed to shift for them-The authorities offered no opposition to the awless actions.

Spanish American Notes.

A very determined resistance to the proposed amalgamation of the Central Argentine Railway with the Buenos Ayres & Rosario Railway has arisen on the part of some of the stockholders in the former. It is pointed out that the traffic on the Central Argentine consists to a greater extent of general merchandise than that of its rival, and is consequently less liable to suffer a permanent decrease. The reduction in freight rates is also charged to the effect of river transportation rather than to railroad competition. On the other hand, stockholders in the Buenos Ayres & Rosario claim that they have nothing to gain by fusion except a reduction of operating expensee, and considering the prospective Bolivian traffic, which will be very large, and which the Rosario line can more easily secure, owing to its having the same gauge as that on the National Central Nor.hern Railway to Salta and Jujuy, they prefer to take their chances against competition from the Central Argentine.

Recent rumors of political instability in Argentine

Recent rumors of political instability in Argentine have been contradicted, and Argentine securities are improving. The late advance in the gold premium has been counteracted by the shipment of \$2,000,000 gold from London with the knowledge that more is soon to follow. There have been some election riots, and will continue to be until the elections are held on April 1, but such incidents must not be confounded with popular uprisings.

The extension of the Argentine Central Northern Railway north from Jujuy toward the Bolivian frontier has been so poorly constructed that the government en-gineers refused to accept it, and \$965,000 will be required to bring the work up to the standard of the specifica-

señor Luis Jordan, member of the Chilian Chamber of Deputies, who, it will be remembered, has always advocated an apology from his government to the United States on account of the "Baltimore Affair," is now urging the purchase of some new equipment, including many freight cars and a number of locomotives, for the government railroad lines.

A commercial treaty between Brazil and Uruguay is being negotiated, which, if concluded, will greatly increase trade between the two republics.

The telegraph line which the Brazilians are building

into the isolated middle and western portion of the republic, is being continued at a very creditable speed. Within six months it had been carried westward from Goyaz 13I kilometres to the mining town of Rio Claro, whence it will be pushed on to the Registro de Araguaya, and inside of two years will probably be open to Cuyaba. This is of great importance since it will hasten the building of a railroad to Cuyaba and Northeast Bolivia, which will thus open up a rich region and fix its trade relations with Rio de Janeiro instead of allowing them to profit Buenos Ayres, orto languish through the partial facilities of an Amazonian water route.

The Mogayana Railroad, State of Sao Paulo, is also constructing a telegraph line northward from its terminal at Ribeirao Preto to connect with the Goyaz line at Uberaba, which would seem to indicate an intention on the part of this enterprising and prosperous Brazilian corporation to extend its railroad in that direction. The President, Baron de Ataliba Nogueira, has announced that the company will lay a second track from Campinas to Ribeirao Preto, with or without the concession to build to Santos. They will also at once undertake the construction of two branch lines.

Pedro de Magalhacs of Campinas, State of Sao Paulo, Bereil.

Pedro de Magalhaes of Campinas, State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, has asked for a concession to supply that city with electric power, to be transmitted from works util-izing waterfalls on the Rios Atibaia and Jaguary.

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Of the total, 10,832,000 lbs. of heniquen, or Sisal hemp, exported from Progreso, Mexico, in Nov. 1891, 5,469,000 lbs., went to Boston, and 3,687,000 lbs. to New York.

Some time ago the Central & South American Cable Co., an American enterprise, acquired the land lines of telegraph connecting Valparaiso with Buenos Ayres. The Euglish, perceiving that all their communication with the west coast of South America must consequently pass through American agencies, promptly organized a new company, which has already shipped the material for a trans-Andine line of their own between the same points.

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Practically all clearances are now made through London in our South American commerce. Mr. Bacon, of New York, introduced into the House of Representatives on Jan. 29 a bill providing for the incorporation of an International-American Bank. This bill fixes the capital at \$5,000,000 which may be increased to \$25,000,000, fifty thousand shares to be subscribed before the bank may begin operations. The following gentlemen are named as commissioners to take subscriptions for stock: C. N. Bliss, Chas. R. Flint, New York; Jefferson Coolidge, Massachusetts; Andrew Carnegie, Pennsylvania, Enoch Pratt, Maryland; J. F. Hansom, Georgia; Chas. H. Turner, Missouri, and S. O. Thomas, California.

Deep Waterways.

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A large number of persons interested in securing deeper channels on the lakes, a delegation from the Detroit convention of December, appeared before the Committee on Rivers and Harbors in Washington on the 30th ult., asking for an appropriation of \$3,384,000 for deepening the lake channels, and another appropriation of \$300,000 for a survey to show the best route for continuing the deep water to the sea. The large appropriation asked for is to be expended through a term of years, so that contracts can be made for the whole work instead of for one year only, as has been the general practice of Congress in dealing with river and harbor improvements. If this appropriation is made by the present Congress it is thought that the work can be all completed by the spring of 1806 when the new lock at the "soo" is to be finished, and there will be a 20-ft. navigation throughout the lakes. President James J. Hill, of the Great Northern Railroad, says when this is done, he will put on boats of 6,000 tons and cut the freight rates in two! The average freight rate on the lakes for 1891, is asserted to have been 1.3 mills, and if Mr. Hill can carry for a moiety of that, his boats will undoubtedly be full. The Canadians, it was asserted, have expended \$60,000,000 on their canal system and the improvement of the St. Lawrence, while our expenditures on the entire lake system, has been but \$30,000,000.

on. According to German journals the Prussian railroad authorities have found the study of railroad practice in the United States alike interesting and profitable, and the experiment tried last year of sending to this country German officials to examine into and report upon American methods is likely to be repeated. Recent visits are said to have shown that our railroads are decidedly superior to the German roads in point of organization and management, and they are accordingly recommended as desirable examples for further study.

Elevated Tiscks in Chicago.

The Mayor of Chicago has returned from an Eastern trip, where he has been examining the elevated road systems, and reports that the time is near at hand when the roads entering Chicago must be elevated. He has said that the elevated terminals in Philadelphia and Jersey City are not only profitable to the railroads themselves, but a blessing to the people.

The Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association.

A statement of the operations of this association for the year ending Nov. 30, 1891, shows receipts of \$252,703, payments, \$212,253, and a net surplus of \$40,449. Benefits were paid during the year in 5,575 disablement cases and in 191 death cases, 78 of the latter from accidents and 113 from natural causes. The membership was 15,035.

Railroad Accidents in France.

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[From a French Correspondent.]

Since the St. Mandé accident the attention of the public here has beer repeatedly called to other minor accidents, and the French press is impressing upon its readers that there is an enormous railroad accident wave sweeping the country, whereas the fact is that the accidents were always happening before, but were not of serious importance, or were hushed up before the opportunity was given of spreading the news, a kind of practice said to be largely resorted to by the great lines between Paris and South France. One in November was at Granoble, southeast of Lyons, on the Paris, Lyons & Mediteranean Line, the initials of which, "P. L. M.," are popularly held to signify "Pour la Morgue," as indicating the ultimate destination of all travelers who venture on this great and important railroad.

A train left Lyons at 11:50 a. m. for Grenoble where it was to arrive at 4:32 p. m., and was composed of 14 heavy P. L. M. cars hauled by two engines—one an express and the other a freight locomotive, and, when at the 68th mile-post (10) kilometres, the second engine jumped the track while the train was moving at 40miles per hour. It at once ploughed deeply into the permanent way while the foremost engine, snapping the coup.

lings, darted shead. Five of the first carriages were thrown from the road and more or less lings, darted ahead. Five of the first carriages were thrown from the road and more or less smashed up and three persons were killed and 20 injured. The effect of the Westingbouse brake is said to have been curious. The conductor, thinking they were traveling at an abnormal rate of speed, got up into the watch box of his car, where, seeing the train was off the rails, he applied the full force of the brake. As the leading engine (No. 2,398) was not fitted with this brake, it might have been supposed that it would have immediately snapped the drawbar pin, or, in case of not doing that at once, it would have hauled the derailed locomo tive along so as to keep the latter's couplings tight with the train. Unfortunately this/did not happen. At the jerk the first engine rebounded on the second (No. 550), which then twisted round broadside to the track, and then, with the second rebound, No. 2,398 rulled out the drawbar from the other and continued on its road. The accident may therefore be considered to have been made thus serious by the momentary stoppage of the first engine.

Ethics of Passes to Editors and Judges.

The Commission, however, does not prohibit the granting of passes to newspaper men, hotel proprietors, etc.

It would have been more consistent if the Commission had made a ruling which would cover all cases, as it must often happen that in a certain town another man than a hotel proprietor or an editor may be as able to render a fair return for a pass, and consequently as well entitled to it in all justice. As regards public officials, there can be no dispute as to the soundness of the decision. It is a reproach to the community that so many men in such a position are ready to use such passes, and the law should be invoked to end the abuse, if nothing else will serve. It is a waste of time to argue that a judge or a legislator is not affected by a pass. Human nature being what it is, he is influenced, consciously or unconsciously.—New York Evening Post, Interviewing an Engineer.

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I thought from the general appearance of the man, and from the way he looked up every time the whistle sounded, that he was a railroad engineer, and when I made bold to ask the question I found I was right. After we had conversed for a few minutes on general topics, I asked:

"I suppose you have had your share of narrow escapes?"

"Yes, but not on the rails," he replied. "I was once shot at in a saloon, and I once fell off the roof of a church. I never had an accident on the road."

"Were you never flagged for a bridge carried away by a freshet just in time to prevent an awful calamity?"

"Never; bridges always all right."

"Ever almost crash into another train?"

"Never."

"But you've run over people?"

"Never did, sir. People always get out of my way."

"You have at least been very anxious when rushing through darkness with hundreds of lives in your keeping?"

"Yes—anxious to get home. I suppose but I don't.

through darkness with hundreds of lives in your keeping?'
"Yes—anxious to get home, I suppose, but I don't remember any particular instance."
I wasn't at all satisfied thus far, and, after pausing to take breath, I asked:
"Were you ever startled by thinking you saw an open switch when too late to stop the train?"
"No, sir; switches are always all O. K.," he replied.
"I have been told that some engines seem to be possessed by human intelligence?"
"Yes, I suppose so; but we don't use that kind on our road."

"Yes, I suppose so; our way and the road."

"Many brave men have died with their hand on the throttle."
"I presume so, but I don't want to die that way. I want to die at home in my bed."
I was determined to get something-out of him for a sketch, and so I persisted:
"Did you never have your fireman go crazy while on a run."

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"But you must have been prepared at some time or other to sacrifice your life to save your train?"

"No, sir; I never have. You don't seem to understand the business. I simply run to Chicago and back, and sometimes make as high as \$110 a month. That's about all there is to it, and if you are after perilous adventures you should interview street car drivers. I understand that they take their lives in their hands every day in the year."—Detroit Free Press.

A Red Flag or a Red Tongue.

Pittsburg is noted for its railroad romances, and here is the latest, modestly dated at an unassuming suburb: Wilkinsburg, Ps., Jan. 29.—A 10-year-old lad named Moffat, at Edgewood, set out the other night to show companions how cold Pennsylvania Railroad rails were. He did. Sticking his tongue on a rail he was at once frozen down to it. The day express was due in 10 minutes. It had to be flagged while the station agent heated water, warmed the rail and released the lad. . . .

Lake Affairs.

Contracts for the transportation of over a million tons of iron ore from the head of Lake Superior have been made at the rate of \$1.25. This is 25 cents better than the season's price for 1891. The factors considered were the prospect of large ore shipments, an increased demand for coal, the grain crop and a strong probability of low water. Under these circumstances vessel owners could probably place a still larger tonnage at the same price.

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Large sales of ore to Carnegie and the Illinois Steel Company at an advance of 35 cents per ton are reported. The amount is uncertain, but it is rumored that the purchases cover the season's requirements of the two concerns, viz., 3,000,000 tons.

Ten steamers are now plying across Lake Michigan, carrying flour, mostly to the eastern trunk lines. The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western has established a route between Keewaunee and Frankfort, where freight is delivered to the Toledo, Ann Arbor & North Michigan Railroad. It is rumored that the large whaleback steamers "Pittsburgh" and "Washburn," now building at West Superior, to run between Gladstone and Bufalo, in the service of the Canadian Pacific, will be run through the winter months between Milwaukee and Grand Haven. The Goodrich Transportation Co. is said to intend contracting with the Detroit Dry Dock Co. for a new boat fully equal to the "Virginia," which was turned out last spring.

under contract to be removed by March 15, and the company desires to begin the construction of the new addition without unnecessary delay after that date.

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The Cleveland Leader, having boasted of the speed made by freight trains on the Lake Shore, received a letter from a conductor running stock trains on the Burlington & Missouri River. He says: "I have made the run from Akron, Col., to McCook, Neb., a distance of 143 miles, in exactly three hours and fifty Linutes, taking water and coal as needed, and that with a hog engine with eight drivers. This is a common run over that division, and that on a single track road. If you wish to see freight cars roll come out to what was the 'Great American Desert.' That is the road where seven loaded cars, without an engine, were driven 100 miles by the wind one night a few years ago. Perhaps the wind got after this conductor."

An Important Decision About Street Railroad Crossings.

Crossings.

An adverse decision has been rendered in the Supreme Court of Illinois in the application made by the Illinois Central to prevent the city of Chicago from opening certain streets in Hyde Park across the right of way of that railroad company. It was decided by Judge Tuley that the city had not given up its rights to street crossings when it granted the Illinois Central the right of way into the city. There is some prospect of this case being appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States. The effect of this decision, if sustained, will be practically to compel the Illinois Central to clevate its tracks for the reason that it cannot run the large number of trains now scheduled on suburban lines with so many grade crossings without serious delays.

Twenty Years' Coal Production in the United States, Great Britain and Germany.

Mr. John Birkenbine's address as President of the America Institute of Mining Engineers and an article in the Colliery Guardian comparing the mineral production of the United Kingdom and Germany, enable us to present the following table showing the production of coal in the three countries for 1870 and 1880, with the absolute and relative increase in each country:

			In	crease
	1870.	1890.	Amount.	Percentage.
United States	29,281,848	126,097,780	96,815,932	330.6
United Kingdom	110,431,000	181,614,000	71,183,000	64 4
Germany	26,398,000	67,342,000	40,944,000	155.1

"Important, if True."

The Empire State express made a remarkable run Monday. Owing to a freight collision at Lyons the train was sent from Clyde to Newark on Track I. It arrived in Rochester 19 minutes late, but reached Buffalo only 8 eight minutes late. The run from Crittendon to Grimesville, a distance of 10 miles, was made in six minutes [100 miles an hour].—Buffalo paper. But it isn't true. The time table takes four-tenths of a mile off the distance, and the train sheet adds a fraction to the time. But 80 miles an hour is not slow.

United States Patent Office Building.

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We have received from the Association of Inventors and Mannfacturers a copy of a circular which is being distributed calling attention to the pressing need of additional room in the patent office building. The entire building substantially as it now exists was plauned about 1836. The examiners and clerks are very much overcrowded, even occupying basement rooms never in tended for offices. The health of the force is impaired and their work much retarded by these conditions. At the same time the office needs more clerks to bring up the work to date and keep it there. It is suggested that senators and representatives in Congress be urged to bring about legislation to better the condition of the office.

Strike While the Iron is Hot.

The following communication has been addressed by Mr. J. S. Leeds, Traffic Manager of the California Traffic Association, to all the members of the association:

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"Advices have been received at this office of a reduction in take creasion to urge upon members the desirability of making the best possible use of these rates while trey exist to extend their trade into what may be termed debatable territory with other markets. It appears to the undersigned that the conditions are favorable for gaining a foothold in the northern trade with the view of holding at least a fair share should the rates go back even to the old standard, besides showing to the carriers that a lower standard can be made profitable by the increase of tonnage which it brings to them."

The reductions alluded to are those made by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. This is the first circular emanating from the Traffic Manager's office to be made public.

The Proper Dignity of a Passenger Agent.

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The subjoined paragraph is from an article in the Springfield (Ohio) Republic-Times, on the conduct of passenger business, with special reference to the Pensylvania lines. From the internal evidence of careful preparation, it is evidently the work of one of the accomplished literary men in the Pennsylvania passenger department; in other words, it may be taken as official, although it appears as news. The article begins with a condemnation of the man who goes about for the purpose of seizing passengers by the nape of the neck and hauling them into the office, who deems it necessary to be hale fellow well met with every one he meets, regarding no terms of praise too extravagant for his own line, and no words of condemnation too strong for his rivals; who beleaguers farmers intending to emigrate, courts the favor of army officers controlling the movement of troops, treats with great deference the advance agents of circuses, theatrical troupes and baseball clubs, "sets'em up' to newspaper reporters and knows as many "tunny stories" as any commercial traveler. The closing paragraph says:

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This undue solicitation of traffic had evil effects in other ways. The passengers secured by solicitation were often accorded privileges and accommodations that were denied the regular everyday patrons of the railway who paid regular fares and never came in contact with the passenger solicitor. In so far as the Pennsylvania lines are concerned it has been decreed that undue solicitation and all undigoiffed reaching for nopularity shall cease; that communication with the company's patrons be conducted with due regard for the amenities of business intercourse; that intending passengers be neither ensuared nor cajoled, but politely given exact information and permitted to purchase tickets or not as they choose. It is the intention that no passenger be given a secret advantage over another, that the great numbers of those who contribute most largely to filling the passenger trains and contribute the greater portion of the passenger revenue may go to the regular ticket offices and obtain equal accommodations at equal

rates with those who privately seek the passenger agent's

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This reform is made possible by the abolition of comlistion paying. The practice of going out into the
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so of many of its ticket sellers to more or less fully comensate for the commission money they have been
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Securities Listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Securities Listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Chicago & Erie—\$883,000 first mortgaze bonds, making the amount listed \$12,000,000. The bonds listed are the last of \$2,000,000 reserved in the reorganization plan for betterments and equipment.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh—\$827,000 general mortgage five per cent. bonds making the amount listed \$2,871,000. Of the new bonds \$291,000 retired other issues and \$536,000 were used for improvements.

Lehigh Valley—\$1,000,000 first mortgage 4½ per cent. bonds, making the total listed \$10,300,000, and \$1,300,000 remain to be issued as required. The bonds are issued on the Buffalo extension.

Cleveland & Pittsburgh—\$3,000,000 general mortgage 4½ per cent. bonds guaranteed by the Pennsylvania Railroad; \$2,110,000 of the bonds are used to retire prior liens, and the balance goes to the Pennsylvania for improvements made and to be made.

The Future of Railroad Management.

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Woman rules the world. Every one admits the fact. But not all railroad men fully realize it, for the reason that the hand of power is so softly gloyed. Moreover, the rule of women in railroad affairs is characterized by much greater subtlety than is found in other matters bossed by them. Direct rule is coming, however, and, to make short work of a painful story, we announce it without further cushioning. It comes in a report of a discussion at Smith College for women at Northampton, Mass. We take it from the Springfield Republican:

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"The Smith College juniors had a general discussion on the grade crossing question yesterday. Miss Jordan presided. All the class had to be prepared, as, beyond the leaders, the speakers were called up without notification. Miss Julia Dwight led off in favor of the plan submitted by the special commissioners, and Miss Frances Darling opposed that scheme. She gave figures to show how many had to cross over the tracks. Florence Barry, of Chicago, thought the railroads had some rights that should be respected, while Marie Woolen vigorously assailed the plan as outlined by the commissioners, Martha Adams boidly struck out for the so called meadow plan, as by that it would be necessary to bridge only one street. Harriet Burrows was in favor of raising the tracks, and said the railroads could pay the bills wil hout much trouble, while Bertha Smith was decidedly opposed to the meadow plan, and would much rather leave matters as they were; and Florence Sabin was afraid horses might tumble off the toy bridge only mile are to go over the traces. The students are to hand in their written opinions as to which side won, and Miss Jordan will announce the decision."

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This shows what women might do on railroads. Miss Dwight might just as well be a General Manager as to devote her life to poetry. Frances seems to be a "kicker," but a kicker who gives figures is a power in railroad management. And just to think of the Western girl recognizing the rights of the railroad! The Chicago & Northwestern needs her. Charles Francis Adams has been off the Massachusetts Railroad Commission now a good many years, but it is good to see that the state still boasts an Adams who will "strike out boldly." The lady who wishes to Burrow under the tracks has common sense on her side, but in saying that the railroads "can pay the bills without much trouble" she gives herself away diguratively, not literally, by any means), and, we fear, reveals the animus of the whole lot of 'em. This fervinine notion is what makes most of the trouble in the world, and we fear Doctor Seelye's girls will not do for railroad managers this year, after all.

Rain-Making in India.

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We have warned Uncle Jerry that the servile races inhabiting Hindustan might steal some of his thunder, but the following from the Indian Engineer, accounts for his composure in face of what we had imagined was his danger: "Rain-making experiments conducted at Bijapur by the collector and two engineers have proved futile. The Hon. Mr. J. Nugent, reporting thereon, hopes the experience thus obtained may be useful in future as discouraging false hopes and preventing further outlay to no avail. According to the collector 750 lbs. of dynamite were used, but the explosions were unfortunately made when the sky was absolutely clear of clouds, and there was every appearance of cold, settled weather."

LOCOMOTIVE BUILDING.

The Missouri Pacific is in the market for 50 engines

The Louisville & Nashville placed an order this week for 20 heavy freight locomotives.

The Duluth & Iron Range has ordered eight heavy freight engines from the Schenectady Locomotive Works.

CAR BUILDING.

The Chicago & Northwestern has ordered 250 stock cars of new design from the Terre Haute Car & Mfg. Co.

The contract for 100 of the cars for the new cable line on Broadway, New York City, has been awarded to the John Stephenson Co., of New York.

The Ensign Manufacturing Co., of Huntington, W. Va., has taken a contract for 500 new cars for the Louisville & Nashville, to be completed before July.

The Central of New Jersey has recently placed an order for 1,000 hopper gondola coal cars, of 50,000 lbs. capacity and also for 250 box cars with Eastern car firms. The cars will be equipped with air brakes and the Janney coupler will be on both gondolas and box cars.

BRIDGE BUILDING.

Belmont County, O.—The County Commissioners of Belmont County, O., will have five new highway bridges to build early this spring over McMahon's and Wheeling creeks. The cost of the five is estimated at \$60,000.

British Columbia,—It has been decided to construct a bridge across Vedder Creek, British Columbia, a single span of 140 ft.

Duluth, Minn.—The Board of Public Works is asking for bids for the Lake Avenue viaduct. The structure will be of iron and steel, will be 684 ft. long and will cost from \$80,000 to \$80,000.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Hall & Hough have received a contract at \$20,000 for grading the approaches to the bridge for the Marietta & North Georgia Railroad to be built across the Tennessee River.

Minnaepolis, Minna-The Great Northern has awarded the contract for the steel superstructure of the bridge across the west channel of the Mississippi River to the Edge Moor Bridge Works, of Edge Moor, Dei. It is a five span, double track bridge, and is to be completed by June 25, 1892. There will be two truss spans each 173 ft. in length, and three girder spans, 57, 70 and 82 ft.

Ottawa, Ont.—It is proposed to build a bridge to cost 30,000 across the Rideau River, at Ottawa, Ont., thrork to be jointly by the city and the county municipal

Parkersburg, W. Vs.—Jolly Bros. have the stone work for the new highway bridge over the Kanawba River at Parkersburg finished except the cap stones, which will not be laid till the iron work is on the ground. The work of erecting the superstructure will be commenced as soon as the ice runs out of the river.

Randolph County, W. Va.—The Pittsburgh Bridge Co. and the County Court of Randolph County, W. Va., re having some little difficulties just now on account of a reror in the matter of building the foundation for a ridge over Tygarts Valley River. When the supertructure atrived it was found that the bridge piers were ust two feet too far apart. The bridge company, holding the Commissioners responsible, asked that they either mild up the foundation new or pay for lengthening the bridge, both of which the Commissioners refuse to do.

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St. Paul, Mins.—A bill extending the time for completing a railroad and wagon bridge across the Missis sippi River, by the Belt Line Bridge and Railroad Co., has passed the lower house of Congress. The bridge will extend from South St. Paul on the west bank of the river to St. Paul Park on the east. Bonds to the amount of \$105,000 have been voted to aid the construction of this bridge; of this amount \$75,000 will be issued by South St. Paul and the town of Newport \$30,000.

Shreveport, La,—It is reported that the St. Louis outhwestern Railroad will construct a railroad bridge cross the Red River, at a cost of about \$200,000,

White Plains, Ala.—J. T. De Arman, Jacksonvill la., is receiving proposals for the construction of on or wood highway bridge near White Plains, Ala.

Williamsport, Pa.—A company is being formed among business men of Williamsport, Pa., Hagerstown, Md., and Martinsburg, W. Va., for the purpose of building a bridge over the Potomac River at a point which will give the greatest convenience to the three towns. Estimates of the cost of the bridge have been made, and it is thought it can be built for \$50,000.

Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.—The new passenger bridge built by the Dominion Bridge & Iron Co. over the Tusket River, Nova Scotia, connecting Yarmouth with Argyle, was completed last week. Contractor W. E. Browne, of Digby, had the contract for its erection. The structure consists of three spans, each 65 ft. in length

RAILROAD LAW-NOTES OF DECISIONS.

Carriage of Goods and Injuries to Property.

In New York it is held by the Court of Appeals that a carrier, which had entered into a contract with a shipper for the transportation of goods, had no right to make inconsistent stipulations with the persons who delivered the goods for the shipper; and provisions and conditions in the shipping bills, signed by such persons without the knowledge of the shipper, limiting the liability of the carrier to points on its own road, are not applicable to the shipment in question.\(^1\)

In Arkansas the Supreme Court rules that under the statute of 1887, which provides that a common carrier of freight shall load, transport and unload freight for the one charge for transportation, defendant could be excused from unloading the brick on the ground only that plaintiff voluntarily bound himself by agreement, express or implied, to unload it. And that where the rate was eight cents per 100 lbs. for hauling brirk, and but 4½ cents for stone, it was a circumstance which the jury might consider in determining whether the charge for brick was unjust or unreasonable.\(^2\)

In Georgia the Supreme Court decides that the ship per of live-stock under a special contract, in which he agrees that, \(^2\) in case of accidents to or delays of time from any cause whatever, \(^2\) he "is to feed, water, and take proper care of the stock at his own expense," cannot recover damages resulting from his own failure to perform his part of the contract, although the company may have consumed more time than necessary in effecting the transportation.\(^2\)

In New York the Supreme Court rules that where a railroad delivers goods to the consignee, in violation of the instructions of the shipper to the company's agent not to deliver without a bill of lading, the company is liable to the shipper for the loss thereby sustained by him.\(^4\)

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In Texas an insurance policy on cotton consigned from Texas to Liverpool stipulated that it was not to cover the common law liability of the common carrier, but that if the cotton were lost while in the care of any common carrier, the underwriter should "advance" to the assured an amount equivalent to the insured value of the cotton so lost; and, if the carrier proved liable, the assured should return to the underwriter the amount received from the carrier. The Supreme Court decides that a railroad to whom the cotton was consigned was liable for loss resulting from its negligence, though the bill of lading stipulated that the company should have full benefit of any insurance that had been effected on the cotton. The "advancement" by the underwriter to the assured of the insured value of the cotton does not constitute a "payment" in such sense as to preclude the amount of its common-law liability.

In North Carolina the Supreme Court rules that where a mortgagor of land grants a right of way to a railroad company without the consent of the mortgage, and without any proceeding against the mortgage to condemn the land, the mortgage's interest is not affected, and the purchaser at a foreclosure sale under the mortgage, or his grantee, may sue the company for compensation, though he cannot recover damages incident to the entry before he acquired title."

Injuries to Passengers, Employes and Strangers.

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In Michigan the Supreme Court rules that a traveler on the street has a right when he comes to a railroad

track, not merely to cross it squarely, but to walk upon it in getting off the street to a more direct route; and he is not a trespasser so long as the track continues along the street.7

the street. In Kansa as it approached the crossing of another rallroad in s city of 5,000 inhabitants, a freight train stopped not to exceed a minute, so as to block one of the principal streets of the city near a public school building. A boy seven years old tried to climb over the cars. He was not seen by the trainmen. The train started, and he was thrown off and injured. The jury found that the company was negligent, in that the trainmen knew that the crossing was frequented by children, and were not on the lookout. The Supreme Court holds that there was no evidence of negligence on the part of the company.

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- 2. Livermon v. Roanoke & T. R. R. Co., 13 S. E. Rep., 734.
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 Col. Mid. Ry. Co. v. O'Brien, 27 Pnc. Rep., 701.
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 Latremouelle v. B. & R. R. Co., 22 Att. Rep., 666.
 Kalembach v. M. C. R. Co. (Mich.), 49 N. W. Rep., 1082.

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

' Dividends

Dividends on the capital stocks of railroad companies have been declared as follows:

Flint & Pere Marquette, semi-annual, 2 per cent. on the preferred stock, payable Feb. 15.

Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis, annual, 8 per cent. on the preferred stock, payable Feb. 15.

New York, Chicago & St. Louis, annual, 3 per cent. on the first preferred stock, payable March 1.

New York, Providence & Boston, quarterly, 214 per cent., payable Feb. 10.

Northern Central, semi-annual, 4 per cent.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 3 per cent., payable Feb. 2.

Stockholders' Meetings

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Allegheny & Kinzua, annual, Olean, N. Y., Feb, 9.

Barclay, annual, 204 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., Feb, 8.

Brooklyn Elevated, annual, adjourned, 31 Sands street, Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb, 20.

Camden & Atlantic, annual, Cooper Point, Camden, N. J., Feb, 25.

Chesapeake & Ohio, annual, Richmond, Va., Feb, 23.

Chicago Junction Railways & Union Stock Yards

Co., special, New York, N. Y., March 1.

Chippeura Valley, annual, Mount Pleasant, Mich., Feb, 17.

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, annual, 22 William street, New York City, Feb, 23.

Grand Rapids & Indiana, annual, Grand Rapids, Mich., March 2.

Kingston & Pembroke, annual, Kingston, Ont., Feb, 8.

Missouri Pacific, annual, St. Louis, Mo., March 8.

New York, Lackawanna & Western, annual, New York, N. Y., Feb, 25.

Northerm Central, annual, Baltimore, Md., Feb, 25.

Philadelphia & Erie, annual, Philadelphia, Pa, Feb, 8.

Scioto Valley & New England, annual, Columbus, O., Feb, 11.

St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, annual, St. Louis, Mo., March 8.

Summit Branch, annual, 23 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, Pa., Feb, 9.

Technical Meetings.

p. m., in the Case Library Building, Cleveland. Semimonthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the
month.

The Engineeris Club of Kansas City meets in Room
200, Baird Building, Kansas City, Mo., on the second
Monday in each month.

The Engineering Association of the South holds its
monthly meetings on the second Thursday at 8 p. m.
The Association headquarters are at Nos. 63 and 64
Baxter Court, Nashville, Tenn.

The Denver Society of Civil Engineers and Architects
holds regular meetings at 36 JacobsonBlock, Denver, Col.
on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 8
o'clock p. m., except during June, July and August,
when they are held on the second Tuesday only.

The Civil Engineers' Society of St. Paul meets at 82.
Paul, Minn., on the first Monday in each month.

The Montana Society of Civil Engineers meets at
Helens, Mont., at 730 p. m., on the third Saturday in
each month at 730 p. m.

The American Society of Swedish Engineers holds
meetings at the club house, 250 Union street, Brooklyn,
N. Y., and at 347 North Ninth street, Philadelphia, on
the first Saturday of each month.

The Engineers' Club of Minneapolis meets the first
Thursday of each month in the Public Library Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

The Canadian Society of Civil Engineers holds regular meetings at the month in the Public Library Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

treal, P. Que., every alternate Thursday except during the months of June, July, August and September.

The Association of Civil Engineers of Dallas meets at 803 Commerce street, Dallas, Tex., on the first Friday of each month at 4 o'clock p. m.

The Technical Society of the Pacific Coast holds regular meetings at its rooms in the Academy of Sciences Building, 819 Market street, San Francisco, Cal., at 8 o'clock p. m. on the first Friday of each month.

The Tacoma Society of Civil Engineers and Architects holds regular meetings on the third Friday of each month. in its rooms, 201 and 202 Washington Building, Tacoma, Wash.

Central Railroad Club

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The annual meeting and dinner of the Central Railway
Club was held in Buffalo, with a large attendance.
The meeting was called to order by President Eugene
Chamberlain, who made some remarks extending a cordial welcome to the visitors and expressing his gratification at the large attendance.
Superintendent Morford, of the Michigan Central, on
behalf of a committee representing the Buffalo Association of Railroad Superintendents, presented a communication from the local freight agents of the vicinity,
asking for a modification of the present rules of interchange of cars requiring repairs, the object being to expedite the movement of freight at a minimum expense.
Inspector Miller, of the Nickel Plate, had some comment
to make on the education of car inspectors, which
caused some annusement. But a discussion not meeting
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The laid over subject of "Wheel Gauges and Defects" was brought up for further discussion.

Mr. Griffin, in view of the fact that the flanges of chilled wheels are now made thicker, believed the new gauge could be used with safety.

Mr. Mackenzie moved that the gauge recommended be sent to the Arbitration Committee of the Master Car Builders' Association. Mr. Adams was satisfied with the present gauge, unless it was true that the flanges were thicker, but did not believe that any reform would be affected. He wanted a uniform flange. Mr. Waitt said the Master Car Builders' Association had established astandard. Manager Bissell, of the Wagner Car Works, had found much difficulty from want of uniformity. Mr. Sewell thought the change in the radius of the gauge would cause more wheels to be condemned than under the present gauge.

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Mr. Adams said it was difficult to understand the real intent of the rule; there was great difference of opinion. He was not prepared to say at what points defects should be noted, and it was not safe to leave it to joint inspectors, as they never agreed. P. H. Griffin said there were two sides to the question, safety and expense, and, with diagrams showing brake efficiency at various rates of speed, read a paper on car wheels and brake service. In this he said that brake service was the severest hardship wheels were subjected to and produced two extreme effects, first, brake sliding, second, beating. The first renders the wheel unit for service, but involves no immediate danger; only the expense of new wheels. The second develops heat in the tread and flanges, causing effects that may be followed by very serious consequences.

The use of cast iron for shoes is nearly universal, and it is the best material, owing to the importance of a homogeneous material, free from hard spots. The face of the wheel, a consideration, much neglected, many shoes being used directly from the foundry, where the necessary shape of the pattern or the use of old patterns, gives a shoe very different from the shape of the wheel, and it cannot be said what occurs in the wheel while grinding the shoes to conformity. Mr. Griffin very seriously objects to the use of shoes bearing on the tread near the flange and outer edge, and clearing the tread where it rests on the rail. He also dwells on the importance of having slack taken up, otherwise the travel of the piston may be used up before the brake acts.

Mr. Mackenzie said Rule 8 was not understood and caused much trouble, and was in favor of a general meeting of railroad clubs and Master Car Builders' Association. The President then announced the following subjects for the next meeting and the committees thereon:

A Uniform Charge for Labor for Repairs under Rules 8 and 8 lopted. The laid-over report on Brake Shoes was then taken

Engineering Society of Western Pennsylvania

The society gave a banquet at the Duquesne Club, Pittsburgh, the evening of Jan. 28. There were 163 members and guests at the table. Mr. William Metcalf, Past-President of the society, acted as toast master. There were II speakers and the speeches were unusually clever. The menu was printed on aluminum .001 in.

R. P. I. Alumni Association

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The midwinter reunion was held at Cleveland, O., Feb. 2. A luncheon was served, after which the party visited some of the numerous important manufacturing establishments in the neighborhood of the city. The party dined at the Holleuden and spent the evening in social entertainments. On the 3d visits were made to other manufacturing establishments and points of general interest. At 8 o'clock in the evening an alumni meeting was held and a banquet at nine.

PERSONAL.

—The Massachusetts Railroad Commissioners have chosen the new member, Hon. John E. Sanford, of Taun-ton, Chairman of the board.

—Gen. R. N. Hood, President of the Knoxville & Augusta Railroad and of several banks and local com-panies at Knoxville, Tenn., died at Brunswick, Ga., Feb. 1.

—Col. Theodore Cox, Secretary and Treasurer of the Little Miami Railroad, died on Tuesday last at his home in Cincimnati, from Bright's disease. Colonel Cox was born usar Flathush, L. L., and was 54 years did.

.—President Timothy Blackstone, of the Chicago & Alton, it is said, has signified his intention of creeting at Branford, Conn., a public library to cost \$125,000 in memory of his father, the late Capt. James Blackstone.

—Col. A. W. Wildes, of Skowhegan, has been renominated by Governor Burleigh, of Maine, to succeed himself on the Board of Railroad Commissioners. Colone Wildes has served in this capacity for 33 consecutive years.

—Mr. Thomas Faulkner has been appointed Joint Immigrant Agent of the Trunk Line Clearing House, to succeed Mr. C. F. Doane, who resigned several months ago. Mr. Faulkner has general supervision for the rail roads at Ellis Island, the new immigrant landing at New York.

New York.

—Mr. Edwin S. Riggs, of the firm of E. S. Greeley & Co. of New York, died at his home in Brooklyn last week, and was buried at New Haven, Ct., last Saturday. Mr. Riggs had been the manager of the railroad department of the firm for the last 12 years, and was also a Director and Assistant Treasurer of the company.

—Mr. Charles Hannel, Consulting Engineer of the Rail-road and Warehouse Commission of Illinois, sailed from New York Feb, 3 to spend three months in Europe in investigating safety appliances, and especially signal systems. He has been commissioned by the World's Fair directors to arrange for exhibits at the fair by for eign railroads.

—Mr. William C. Trege formerly a large iron manufacturer in Maryland, died at his home at Frederick, Md., Feb. 1, aged 77 years. He owned furnaces and forges in Columbia and Schuylkill counties, Pa., and in 1852 he removed to Baltimore, where he owned a large rolling mill. He built most of the earlier iron bridges on the Baltimore & Ohio.

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—Mr. E. I., Moser has been appointed Mechanical Englineer of the Philadelphia & Reading in place of Samuel F. Prince, Jr., who recently resigned to take charge of the mechanical department of the Long Island, Mr. Moser has been in the mechanical department of the Reading road since 1883, and for the past year has been chief draftsman of the road.

— President John S. Wilson, of the Central New England & Western, retired from that office this week and was succeeded by President A. A. McLeod, of the Philadelphia & Reading, which has arquired the Ponghkeepsic Bridge lines. Mr. Wilson has been President of the system since the railroad and bridge were opened for traffic. He was formerly General Freight Agent of the Pennsylvania.

—It is reported that Mr. John W. Sanborn, Superintendent of the Northern Division of the Boston & Maine, will probably receive the appointment of Acting General Manager of the Boston & Maine until the directors decide upon a successor to the late Mr. James T. Furber. The name of Mr. Payson Tucker, now General Manager of the Maine Central, is quoted in connection with that appointment.

—Mr. M. B. Cutter, General Superintendent of the Western Division of the Newport News & Mississippi Valley Co., has been appointed General Superintendent of the Louisville, New Orleans & Texas. Mr. Cutter has been connected with the Newport News Company since last April, when he succeeded Mr. John A. Frazier as General Superintendent. He was formerly Division Superintendent on the Northern Pacific.

—At the annual meeting of the Wheeling & Lake Erie this week President M. D. Woodford announced that it would be impossible for him longer to perform the duties of President of the company, because of the necessity of his giving his entire time to the affairs of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton The Board of Directors then elected Mr. Frank R. Lawrence President.

—Mr. H. G. Krake has been appointed Assistant General Freight Agent of the Missouri Pacific, to succeed Mr. George Maclaine, who has recently resigned. Mr. Krake has been with the Missouri Pacific for about a year and a half as General Live Stock Agent. He was connected with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe as agent at Trinidad, Colo., in 1883, as General Agent at Cincinnati in 1886 and as General Agent in Denverin 1890.

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—Maj. W. F. Shellman, who has just been appointed General Manager of the Columbus Southern, was formerly General Traffic Manager of the Central of Georgia until last June, when the road was leased to the Georgia Pacific. Major Shellman has been General Freight Agent of the road for several years, until his appointment as General Traffic Manager in 1887. He has been engaged in real estate business in Atlanta since last

October,

—Mr. Charles P. Shaw, who obtained considerable prominence through his promotion of the New York Cable Railway Co., died in New York City, Feb. 2. The cable company was organized by Mr. Shaw in 1884 to build 70 miles of cable road in New York City, but it became involved in considerable litigation and was defeated in the appeals made to the Supreme Court and the Court of Apreals. It is said that \$800,000 was spent in the organization and in subsequent litigation.

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—Mr. Gaston Meslier, who has been appointed General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the Texas & Pacific, has held a similar office on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas for the last three years, or since that company was released from the Missouri Pacific system. Mr. Meslier was born in Mobile, Ala., and about 12 years ago was appointed Traveling Passenger Agent of the Wabash, and then was assistant to the General Passenger Agent of the Missouri Pacific until his transfer to the Missouri, Kansas & Texas.

Kansas & Texas.

—Last week the Boston Boot and Shoe Club gave a dinner to Mr. Joseph Hobson, Chief Engineer St. Clair Tunnel Co., and Chief Engineer Western Division Grand Trunk Railway. Whether they may have honored him as a man who had helped to establish and preserve a quick trade route between the Northeast and the Northwest, or whether they may have wanted especially to know what he had to say about tunnels in view of their rapid transit problem, does not appear. At any rate, they got from him a thorough and conscientious and excellent account of the construction of the St. Clair Tannal.

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—Mr. Richard P. Morgan has been known for a good many years to some of the readers of the Railroad Gazette. A few years ago he made a very exhaustive study of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads and branches for the Pacific Railroad Commission. The bren appointed Acting Auditor, with office at Memphis, Tenn., and will have charge of the accounting department.

actual value of the properties. He also conducted examinations of and made reports upon many of the railroad properties of the West for private parties. At one time he was one of the Railroad & Warehouse Commissioners of the State of Illinois. He announces that with his son, Mr. D. C. Morgan, he has established the firm of Richard P. Morgan & Son, and that the firm is prepared to make examinations of railroad properties. Mr. Morgan's address is Dwight, Ill.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.—H. C. Ives, formerly Assistant to the President, has been appointed Division Superintendent, as noted last week. He succeeds A. P. Tanner, Superintendent of the lines east of the Missour River, and who has his headquarters in Chicago. Mr. Tanner has been transferred to the traffic department.

Brownstone & Middletown.—The incorporators this company in Pennsylvania are: Allen Walton, Humeltown, Pa., President; Robert J. Walton, Allen i Walton and E. A. Penny, all of Hummelstown; W. Walton, H. O. Desbong and Morris Ebert, of Philadelphia.

Central New England & Western.—The annual meeting was held at 115 Broadway. New York, Feb. 3, at which the following Board of Directors was elected A. A. McLeod, Howard Hancock, Thomas H. Richards, William R. Taylor, A. H. O'Brien, Albert Foster, Daniel Jones, F. G. Odenheimer, Arthur Brock, W. W. Gibbs, C. Tower, Jr., John W. Brock and Joseph F. Sinnott. The board organized by electing A. A. McLeod President; William A. Church, Treasurer; Daniel Jones, Auditor, and William R. Taylor, Secretary. All the officers are Reading representatives.

Chattanooga Southern.—The appointment of New man Erb as Receiver has been confirmed. J. W. James of Chattanooga, formerly President and General Man ager, has been appointed General Superintendent.

Chattanooga Union.—At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Belt Railroad an entire change of management was made. Capt. H. S. Chamberlain was chosen President, D. S. Anderson, Vice-President, and O. L. Hurlburt, Secretary and Treasurer.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.—W. F. Evans been appointed Assistant General Attorney of the li-west of the Missouri River.

Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis.—The office of Superintendent of Transportation will, it is stated, soon be created, and J. E. Rose, now Superintendent of the Cincinnati Division, will be appointed to the new office.

Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo.—The following directors were re-elected at the annual meeting in Columbus, O.; C. C. Waite, Charles B. Alexander, George N. McCook. Samuel D. Davis, Thomas F. Ryan, Charles B. Van Nostrand, Charles Foster, P. W. Huntington, James Kilbourne. The board elected the following officers: President, C. C. Waite; Vice-Presidents, Samuel D. Davis and C. B. Alexander; Secretary and Treasurer, W. Calt.

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— Columbus Southern.—W. F. Shellman has been appointed General Manager, with office at Columbus, Ga He succeeds C. W. Chears, who resigns to become Assistant General Freight Agent of the Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham.

Connecticut River, -George E. Frink has been ap pointed assistant treasurer of this company with office at Springfield, Mass.

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Cumberland Valley & Martinsburg.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the railroad was held at Martinsburg, W.Va., last Friday. Directors were elected as follows: Thomas B. Kennedy, Chauncey Ives, P. J. Boyd and Judge John Stewart, of Chambersburg, Pa.; J. E. Russell, Gorman Smith and E. W. Stone, of Winchester, Va.; F. Boyd Faulkner, George M. Bowers, M. T. Ingles and A. J. Thomas, of Martinsburg. The directors elected officers as follows: Thomas B. Kennedy, President; M. T. Ingles, Secretary; Joseph B. Russell, Trensurer.

Delaware.—At a special meeting of the Board of Directors, E. Tatnall Warner was elected President, to succeed the late Col. Christian Febiger. William T. Porter was elected to fill the vacancy in the board.

Fitchburg.—J. W. Dodge, Superintendent of the Cheshire Division, having tendered his resignation taking effect Jan. 31, Mr. C. L. Mayne, Superintendent of the Tunnel Division, has been given charge of that branch, his headquarters to continue at Fitchburg.

Georgia, Carolina & Northern.— been appointed Treasurer, with head Ga.

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Hudson Tunnel Railway Co.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company in New York City this week the old board of directors was re-elected. They are Charles Sooy Smith, Edward R. Greene, Richard O. Lorch, Frederick W. Ritter; William P. Moloney, Remsen G. Brooks and Otto Crouse.

Huntingdon & Broad Top Mountain.—The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the company in Philadelphia this week: President, Spencer M. Janney; directors, James Long, James Whitaker, Thos. R. Patton, Jacob Naylor, William Bault, Samuel Bancroft, Jr., Johns Hopkins, George H. Colket, Hobert H. Crozer, William H. Shallcross, Lewis A. Riley and Samuel Hellner.

Lancaster, Cecil & Southern,—The incorporators a Waiter M. Franklin and Joseph M. Showalter, of Per sylvania; I. Day Carter, Robert Mackey and William Warburton, of Cecil County, Md.

Little Miami.—The stockholders of the company met in Cincinnati Jan. 25, and re-elected the following Directors, to serve for three years: Briggs S. Cunningham Thomas J. Emery, L. B. Harrison and John L. Whet stone. The Directors re-elected President Frank J. Jones and Vice-President Briggs S. Cunningham.

nt until his successor is appointed to the late J. T.

Maine Central.—The auditing of freight accounts is now under the charge of W. W. Colby, the General Auditor of this company. His headquarters are at Portland, Me.

Massillon & Cleveland.—The stockholders elected the following board of directors this week: Charles W. Cass, Henry Amy and Charles Lauler, New York; John J. Haley, Pittsburgh; John Sherman, Mansfield, O.; P. G. Albright, Massillon, O.; L. B. Harrison and William Hooper, Cincinnati, and M. A. Hanna, Cleveland.

Mexican Central.—E. A. White, who has been for five years chief clerk in the General Freight and Passenger office, has been appointed Assistant General Passenger and Freight Agent, vice F. W. Dill resigned. His head-quarters will be at the City of Mexico.

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie.—John Collins has been appointed Roadmaster, with headquarters at Weyerhaeuser, Wis., vice E. Burke, transferred to other service.

Missouri Pacific.—H. G. Krake has been appointed Assistant General Freight Agent of the company and the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Scuthern, in place of George Maclaine, resigned.

Montreal, Portland & Boston.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the railroad, last week, the following Directors were chosen: H. C. Fisk, St. Johns, Vt.; A. H. Gilmore, Stanbridge; A. B. Cross, F. W. Baidwin, F. E. Chamberlin, St. Albans, Vt.; T. B. Futvoye, St. Johns, and J. M. Greenshield, Montreal.

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Newark, Somerset & Straitsville—The annual meeting was held at Newark, O., Jan. 27. The Directors were chosen as follows; W. W. Peabody, Cincinnati, O.; R. T. Devries, Wheeling, W. Va.; Orland Smith, Baltimore. Ma.; J. H. Collins, Columbus, O.; M. Churchill, David Lee, Zanesville, O.; A. W. Dennis, Newark, O.; John Reed, Mansfield, O.; Frank Ames, Chicago, Ill. The Directors organized by choosing David Lee, President, and P. C. Sneed, of Chicago, Ill., Secretary and Treasurer.

New Orleans & Carrollton.—At the regular annual meeting, held recently, the following were elected Directors for the ensuing year: J. Hernandez, J. H. Menge, Charles E. Black, J. N. Avegno, Joseph Solari, William Devlin, John H. O'Connor, William U. Rosenthal, James De Buys. And at a meeting of the Board of Directors J. Hernandez was re-elected President and Walter V. Cronch Secretary.

New Fork Bay Extension.—The incorporators of this ranch of the Long Island road are Austin Corbin, Benmin Norton, George S. Edgell, William C. Wheeler, verett R. Reynolds, Frank M. Kelly, William Kelly, S. Voorhees and James R. O. Sherwood.

New York, Texas & Mexican —The annual meeting of the company was held in Victoria, Tex.. Jan. 30, at which the following directors were elected: C. P. Huntington. J. Kruttschnift, C. C. Gibbs, W. G. Van Vleck, D. C. Proctor, A. Da Costa and M. D. Monserrate. The officers elected were: J. Kruttschnitt, President; M. D. Monserrate, Vice-President; W. J. Craig, Treasurer; C. S. Wells, Secretary.

Norfolk, Wilmington & Charleston.—The following are the incorporators named in the Virginia charter just approved: H. E. B. Stewart, H. W. West, H. L. Smith W. L. Dougherty, Thomas Pinckney, Thomas L. Hugnenin, John C. Malonie, and others.

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Ontario, Carbondale & Scranton.—The stockholders of the railroad held their annual election at Scranton, Pa., Jan. 28. The officers and Directors were chosen as follows: President, E. B. Sturges, of Scranton: Vice-President, J. E. Childs, of New York; Secretary and Treasurer, John Fleming, of New York; Directors, Thomas P. Fowler, J. E. Childs, John B. Kerr, of New York; J. E. Burr, C. E. Spencer, John Scurry, Edward Clarkson, of Carbondale; E. B. Sturges, W. W. Patterson, William H. Richmond, C. D. Simpson, O. S. Johnson, John Jermyn, of Scranton, Pa.

Ottawa, Starved Rock & Western.—The incorporators

son, John Jermyn, of Scranton, Pa.

Ottava, Starved Rock & Western.—The incorporators of this company, chartered in Kansas, are as follows: William L. Phillips, Charles F. Wilson, Charles S. Cullen, John O'Brien and Frederik V. Hobert, all of O'Lawa, Ill.

Perry County.—These officers were elected by the company at a stockholders meeting this week; President, C. H. Smiley; Directors. John Wistar, C. H. Smiley, Charles, B. F. Junkin, C. A. Barnitz, John H. Sbebiley, H. C. Shearer, S. W. Conn, William Orr, W. R. Johnson, James McIlhenny and W. F. H. Garber.

Piedmont & Cumberland.—The annual meeting of

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Piedmont & Cumberland.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the railroad company was held at Baltimore, Md. Feb. 2. The following directors were re-elected: Henry G. Davis, Stephen B. Elkins, Arthur P. Gorman, W. H. Gorman, William J. Read, R. D. Barclay and George C. Wilkins, the last two representing the stock owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. The directors re-elected Henry G. Davis President, T. B. Davis Vice-President, and E. W. S. Moore Secretary and Treasurer.

Richmond & Rappahannock.—The incorporators are Valentine Heckler, A. G. Babcock, Walter Sydner, Thomas N. Carter, P. W. Lewis, John H. Allen, C. B. Jones, Henry W. Latane and others, of Virginia.

St. Joseph & Grand Island,—G. D. Berry has been appointed Purchasing Agent of this railroad and the Kansas City & Cmaha.

Seaboard Air Line,—N. T. Cobb has been appointed Auditor of the Raieigh & Gaston, the Raieigh & Au-gusta, and the Durham & Northern, leased roads of this system. The appointment takes effect March 1.

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Texas & Pacific.—Gaston Mesller has been appointed General Passenger and Ticket Agent of this company, vice B. W. McCullough, deceased. His headquarters will be at Dallas, Tex.

Union (Baltimore).—The stockholders last week reelected the former Directors, with the exception of Henry James being elected to fill a vacancy. The Board organized by re-electing B. F. Newcomer, President; Frank Thomson, Vice-President; J. P. Kerr, Secretary, and J. S. Leib, Treasurer.

Union Pacific.—Charles J. Lane, Traveling Freight Agent, has been promoted to the office of Assistant Gen-eral Freight Agent, with headquarters at Omaha, Neb.

Utica, Clinton & Binghamton.—The annual meeting of the stockholders was held at Rome, N. Y., last week.

The following directors were elected: George B. Phelps, R. S. Williams, John Thorn, James I. Scollard, W. M. Storrs, G. W. Adams, Frank D. Beebe, A. N. Sheldon, Allen Curties, John W. Luppett, A. W. Reynolds, E. S. Williams, F. B. Woolworth. The directors organized by electing the following: President, James 1. Scollard; Vice-President, George B. Phelps; Secretary and Treasurer, R. C. Williams.

Valley (Ohio).—Charles T. Manning, of the Baltin & Ohio, has been appointed Engineer of Maintenand Way of this road, with headquarters at Akron, O.

Wheeling & Lake Eric.—The stockholders at a meeting in New York, Feb. 2, voted to increase the number of directors from seven to nine. The old board was chosen for the ensuing year, and Frank H. Lawrence, of New York, and G. E. Pomeroy, of Toledo, were added to the board.

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to the board.

The new directory is as follows: M. D. Woodford, George W. Davis, S. C. Reynolds, George E. Pomery, Sidney Dillon, Frank R. Lawrence, John Greenough, John G. Warwick and E. K. Sibley. The Board of Directors has organized by the election of the following officers: President, Frank R. Lawrence; Vice-President, John F. Greenough; Secretary and Treasurer, James M. Ham, Chairman of Executive Committee, M. D. Woodford.

Wytheville Belt, Atlantic & Western — The incorpora ors of this company in Virginia are: W. L. Yost, D. S Pierce, James A. Parker, Robert Crockett, E. P. Parker C. B. Thomas, William E. Fulton, R. E. Withers, Jr., C V. Pike, S. W. Williams, and others.

RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION. Incorporations, Surveys, Etc.

Baltimore & Ohio.—The construction of the second track on the Metropolitan branch will probably begin within a few weeks near Kensington, Md. Contracts were recently let to C. D. Langhorne, of Richmond, Va., and Allen & Co., of Frederick, Md., but no actual work has

Bangor & Piscataquis.—The Bangor & Aristook Raliroad has made a new proposition to the city of Bangor, Me., for the lease of this road. The former company is willing to pay an amount equal to the net earnings of the line since the opening of the Dexter & Piscataquis branch of the Maine Central during the construction of the new road. After the completion of the Aroostook road the company agrees to pay the full interest on the bonded debt of the Bangor & Piscataquis, thus relieving the city of any further liability for interest.

Birmingham & Jones' Vallev.—The railroad, which is projected to extend from Birmingham via Avondale and Springville, to Gadsden, Ala., the terminus, filed a mortgage in Etowah County, Ala., last week, in favor of the Knickerbocker Trust Co., of New York, for £1,000,000, for the purpose of constructing that railroad. The mortgage has been filed also in St. Clair and Jefferson counties. C. M. Bolden, of Pensacola, Fia., is President, and Charles B. Powell, of New York, Secretary.

Brownstone & Middletown.—The company was incorporated in Pennsylvania Feb. I. The road proposed is to extend from Brownstone, on the line of the Lebanon Valley branch of the Philadelphia & Reading, about one mile east of Hummelstown, through Dauphin County to Waltonville, Pa., the length being 23 miles. The capital stock is \$25,000.

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Cambria & Clearfield.—Construction trains are now running between Kaylor and Brubaker Junction, Pa. The revision and improvement of the road between Cresson and Kaylor is nearly completed, and a portion of the new track has been laid. By April 1 the new track and the revised grades for the coal trains from the Upper Susquehanna will be completed from La Jose to Cresson. Upon the Susquehanna division of the road, which diverges from Chess Creek Junction to six miles north of Kaylor, the work is progressing rapidly. The heading on the tunnel near Carroltown will be through by March.

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Chicago, Fort Madison & Des Moines.—An engineering party left Fort Madison, Ia., last week under the charge of Chief Engineer E. F. Potter and Assistant Engineer Schnable, to make a survey for the proposed extension from Libertyville, Ia., the present terminus. The line will be run northwest to Ottumwa and will probably be continued from that point toward Des Moines.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific,—W. H. Craney of the National Construction Co., of Natchez, Miss., reports that he has secured a contract for grading a considerable section of the extension south of Mincothrough the Indian Territory, toward the Red River.

Chicago & Southeastera,—The road and property of the Midland (Indiana), between Anderson and Vandalia Junction, near Waveland, Ind., a distance of 79 miles, was transferred this week to the above company, which was recently incorporated. The road has not been operated since December. A mortgage has been issued to the Central Trust Co., of New York, for \$20,000 a mile. The new company proposes to better equip the road and to extend it.

Cleveland Belt & Terminal.—One of the officers is reported as stating that the company expected to push the construction of this line to completion very soon. The numerous delays in building the line have been caused, he says, principally by the failure to secure the right of way at certain points. Considerable progress has been made recently in this matter, although it will probably be necessary to condemn the right of way at several points. The line is to be built on the North and East sides of Cleveland, O., and will be about eight miles long, connecting with the Cleveland & Canton between Newburg and Broadway and with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern.

Cloquet Lumber Co.—This company will build 16 miles of logging road from Cloquet, Minn., and will ultimately extend the road until it is 40 miles long.

Delaware & Hudson Canal Co.—J. Shanaban, of Tribes Hill, N. Y., who has the contract to rebuild the readbed on the New York and Canada Division north of Clown Point, N. Y., has sublet part of the work to the Drake & Stratton Co., of 143 Liberty street, New York. The contract involves the construction of about 4,000 ft. of new road on the side of a hill, west of the present line. The work will involve the blasting of 30,000 yards of old rock, nearly all in a side cut.

Denver, Lakewood & Golden.—The negotiationat have been pending for the sale of the controlling

interest in this road to a syndicate of Denver capitalists in the interests of the Denver, Apex & Western are said to have teen unsuccessful. The erection of the station on Arapaboe sfree' in Denver, and the extension of the line from the city limits, through the streets of Denver, will be begun, if is reported, at an early day.

Denver & Rio Grande.—A survey is reported to have been started last week at Florence, Col., for a branch from that town along Eight Mile Creek to the nines at Cripple Creek. The line, if built, will probably be parrow gauge, and about 28 miles long.

Duluth, Mesabi & Northern.—The contractors, Donald Grant & Co. and Foley Bros. & Guthrie, of St. Paul, are asking for bids from sub-contractors for bridge and other work. The line is to be completed before Aug. 1.

Florida Roads,—The railroad of the Winston Lumber to, which will furnish an outlet to the Land Pebble hosphate and Bone Valley companies, is completed, excepting track laying, which is under way.

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Geneva & Southwestern.—F. B. Merrill, of Canandaigua, N. Y., is reported by the local papers to have secured the charter and right of way of this partly graded road southwest of Geneva, It is proposed to complete the line to Stanley at the southern end of Lake Canandaigua, N. Y. The distance is about 20 miles, and most of this part of the road has been graded. The line will probably be continued a few miles further east of Lake Canandaigua to Blood's Station. If that project is carried out the road will form a connecting line between the New York Central & Hudson River and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.

Georgia, Caralina, & Nauthern.—The suit brought.

Georgia, Carolina, & Northers.—The suit brought by the Georgia Railroad to prevent this company from ung its right of way or disturbing its tracks from Hulseys station into the city of Atlanta was decided this week in favor of the former company. The new road has its track laid very nearly to Hulseys, at the city limits of Atlanta, and began to condema the narrow strip of land belonging to the Georgia Railroad, which was not being used. An appeal will be taken from the recent decision, as the officers say that they can find no other way for an entrance to the city.

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Great Northera.—Only a general idea has been given by the officers of the company of the route for the Pacific coast extension west of Kalispell, Mont, A local paper, however, has published a summary of the work west of that point, of which the following is an abstract: For 20 miles after leaving Kalispell the line runs through Smith's Valley, which is drained by Ashley Creek. At the Halverson camp there is still some heavy grading and rock work which will require 30 days to complete. The track is laid from Kalispell to within a few m les of this point. The grading is completed up Ashley Dreek to Little Bitter Hoot Lake, on the divide between Smith and Pleasant valleys. At this point a 1,900 ft. tunnel has been built by Twoby Bros. From Halverson's to the tunnel is through heavy timber. From Pleasant Valley the line is graded to Island Lake, 16 miles. At Island Lake is Corey Brothers' headquarters, where 200 men are working on a difficult piece of grading. Down Fisher Creek to its junction with the Kootenay River, running through a narrow bottom, and down the Kootenay, 12 miles below, to Libby, the grading is completed. From Libby the line runs to Kootenay Falls, from which point to the Idaho line the grading is finished. Halverson, Richards & Co. are furnishing the ties. Porter Brothers, of Duluth, are the bridge contractors. Another section of 25 miles of the road has been sub-let to Hugh Kirkendall, of Helena, Mont. The work commences near the mouth of Moses Coulee and extends along the east bank of the Columbia River to opposite the mouth of the Wenatchee. It does not include the bridge across the Columbia River, but the trestie work on this section is over 3,000,000 ft. The contract, it is estimated, will amount to about the trestie work of this section between Moses Coulee and Spokane for which the sub-contract has not been let.

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P. Larson, of Shepard, Henry & Co., contractors for the work west of the Cascade Mountains, says that about 150 men are employed on the corduroy road along the south fork of the Skykomish River, being built for the convenience of the contractors, from Sultan City to the base of the Cascade mountains. Of the 40 miles of road to be completed, about 25 miles has been built.

Iberia & Abbeville.—A subsidy asked by this com-any was voted at the election held in Abbeville, La., an. 25. The company agrees to have the line in opera-ion from Abbeville west to New Iberia, a distance of 15 iles, during the rummer. The line will probably be-uilt and operated by the Southern Pacific, with which will connect at Abbeville.

Indianapolis, Logansport & Chicago.—The special lection ordered in Deer Creek Township, Logansport ounty, and Erwin Township, Howard County, to vote a the question of aiding the construction of the proper power altroad, was decided in the affirmative in both ownships.

Kansas, Miami & Southern.—The charter of the company was filed in Kansas last week. It has a capital stock of \$200,000, and proposes to build a railroad from Columbus, Cherokee County, Kan., into the Indian Territory by way of the Miami Reservation, The office of the company will be at Columbus, Cherokee County,

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern.—The improvements of the road between Dunkirk and Angola, N. Y., re progressing rapidly and the construction trains of the Drake & Stratton Co., of New York, are very busy ftom Dunkirk east. The cut-off at Silver Creek is fast approaching completion. A trestle is being built across the bay, while the construction of a heavy retaining wall on the lake side is being pushed with the rest of the work.

Lancaster, Cecil & Southern.—The certificate of incorporation for this company was filed in Maryland this week. The company is the Maryland division of the Lancaster, Oxford & Southern, which is to be constructed from Lancaster southwest to a connection with the Baltimore & Ohio, a distance of 45 miles. The company just chartered is to be the section between Elkton, Md., on the Baltimore & Ohio, along Little Elk Creek and the Pennsylvania state line. It was the intention to make the terminus at Singerly, but this has been abandoned.

Pacific, east of Winnipeg, thence northerly to a point on the Albany River at the head of the navigable waters of

the river.

Wassillon.—This company was incorporated in Ohic ast week with a capital stock of \$110,000 to build a branch of the Cleveland & Canton. The line will be about 10 miles long, and will begin at Justins, at a point where the Cleveland & Canton and the Cleveland & Canton are the Cleveland & Canton and the Cleveland & Canton & Wheeling roads cross, and will extend up the Pigcon Creek Valley through East Greenville to Dalton on the Lake Erie & Western. The projectors are now negotiating for the right of way. The new line is to open up coal lands in Tuscarawas Valley at present in processible.

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Mobile, Tuscaloga & Fiorence.—The Commission appointed by the State of Alabama to have a survey made through the western part of the State from Florence to the Gulf of Mexico have organized a company under this name. As already reported, the preliminary surveys have been made by J. A. Milner, of Birmingham. The survey begins at Florence and extends through the most valuable coal fields in western Alab..ma and down the Warrior Valley to Linden and Mobile. The grades of this line will not exceed 40 ft. to the mile. The estimates are now being made by the chief engineer, and the Commissioners will then take definite action looking toward the construction of the road. When the appropriation was made it was not expected that the Commissioners could do more than to have surveys made and arrange then for the construction of the line by an independent company.

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New Roads.—A railroad charter has been granted and the company organized to build a road from Jefferson to Athens, Ga. R. B. Russell is President.

The engineers who have been surveying the proposed new railroad from Green Spring Junction north to Westmister, Md., on the Western Maryland, finished their survey this week. Two routes were surveyed, both autering Westminster at about the same point. One route is three miles aborter than the other, but the grade is much heavier.

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New York Bay Extension.—Articles of incorporation for this company were filed in New York this week by officers of the Long Island Railroad. The capital stock is \$600,000. It is proposed to build a branch to afford a shorter line to the summer resorts on the south shore of Long Island from points in New England, and is expected, in connection with the through line between Brooklyn and Boston, to develop a traffic between those points. Surveys are now being made from Garden City southwesterly to Flatlands, connecting the Oyster Bay Division with the Manhattan Beach road, crossing the South Shore Road near Valley Stream, and connecting with the Rocksway Beach and Long Beach branches. The new line will be constructed this year probably.

New York & New England.—The survey for the new line which is to connect the Woonsocket division of the road with its main line in Dorchester, near Boston, has now been completed and approved by the directors. As soon as the right of way is secured from the Newton, Brookline and Boston town authorities construction will be commenced. The road will by the construction of the line save about \$55,000 annual rental now paid to the Boston & Albany for handling its Woonsocket division business.

New York & New Jersey Terminal —The officers of this company state that they have secured the consent of practically a majority of the property holders along the route of its proposed tunnel in New York City, and that they expect to receive consents from several additional oroperty holders this week. This is one of the many schemes for tunnels through New York City and under the East and North rivers. It is proposed to build a railroad tunnel from the Hackensack Meadows, passing under the Hudson River at a depth of 125 ft. from the surface to Fourteenth street, under Fourteenth street to Union Square, and under Fourteenth street to Union Square, and under Fourteenth street, from Irving Place to the East River. The scheme also contemplates a line branching southward under Hudson street, on the west side, to Chambers street, and there continuing to a terminus under Broad street near Wall. The length of the four-track tunnel will be 3% miles while that of the two-track tunnel will be 24 miles. The total cost is estimated at \$16,500,000 for constructing the tunnels, stations and terminals.

Novfolk & Western.—Surveys have been made for

Norfolk & Western.—Surveys have been made for several short branches to be built in Southwestern Virginia to the mines and coal lands of the Virginia & Tennessee Coal & Iron Co., near Abingdon, Va. It is expected that the construction will begin very soon on two branches of the Clinch Valley division, one up Russell Creek and the other up Big foms Creek, averaging in distance about two miles each.

Orange & Keysville.—It being reported that a syn-licate is being organized in order to complete the rail-coad to Keysville, Va. Efforts are being made to accure a six-months extension from the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County of the time for the completion of the road, in order to secure the bonds voted it.

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Otis Elevating.—Reference has been made to this road, which is being built up the 'tatskill Mountains, and upon which work was begun several weeks ago. The company which is building the road is called the Otis Elevating Railway Co. The route is from a point on the Catskill Mountain Railroad near Palenville, Greene County, N. Y., and in a direct line up the face of the Catskill Mountain (North Mountain) to a point near the Mountain House, a distance of 7,000 it. Contracts have been let as follows: Grading and masoury, Pennell & O'Herr; trestles, timber work and tracks, Mairs & Lewis, and machinery, Otis Bros. & Co. The line is an incline with grades varying from 4 to 33½ per cent; the line is straight with the exception of a turnout in the middle. There will be about 2,200 ft. of timber trestling, of a maximum height of 63 ft. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation and fill. The remainder of the work is rock excavation. The part of the work is rock excavation and fill the other descends. Each car will seat 75 persons. The elevation between the two terminal points is 1,580 ft. The track will

intention to make the terminus at Singerly, but this has been abandoned.

Mani oba & James' Bay.—This company has applied to the Dominion Parliament for a charter to build a road from Winnipeg, or from Egle River, on the Canadian

Ottawa, Starved Rock & Western.—Articles of incorporation for this company were filed in Illinois last week, the capital stock being \$150,000. It is proposed to build a line about 10 miles long from Ottawa west to Starved Rock, a few miles east of La Salle, Ill.

Peninsular of Lower California.—The contractor for the line north of San Quinten, Lower California, reports, much progress on the work there. An embankment of hewn rock 20 ft. high and 1.420 ft. long has been filled in at the narrow part of San Quinten bay and the remaining 80 ft. will be bridged, 60,000 ft. of lumber having already been received for the purpose. When this is finished, ties and rails will be laid at once on the 14 miles of graded roadbed north of the Narrows. It is expected that work will soon be pushed rapidly toward the north toward San Diego, Cal., from San Quinten.

Pennsylvania & West Virginia.—Several of the sub-contractors have secured attachments against Col. Carroll T. Hobart, the principal contractor for this line, and the work has been suspended. One attachment is for \$19,000 and another is for \$25,000. It is proposed to build the road from Brooks Mills, Blair County, north to Cessna, in Bedford County, Pa.

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Philadelphia & Reading Terminal.—The contract for completing another large section of the Reading's Philadelphia Terminal at Twelfth and Market streets, has been awarded to Charles McCall. His original contract was for only that portion of the trainshed north of Filbert street, but under the contract just awarded he will complete the entire train shed, bringing it across Filbert street and to within about 160 ft. of Market street. Work on the new market is almost completed, and the demolition of the old buildings will soon commence. As soon as the foundations are laid the Pencoyd Iron Works will put up the iron and the Phœnix Bridge Co, will erect the great arches of the great roof of the trainshed.

Pittsburgh, Canaonsburg & State Line.—Mr. R. W.

Pittsburgh, Cannonsburg & State Line.—Mr. R. W. Cotton, representing this company, has submitted to the City Council of Wellsburg, W. Va., a proposition for taking that road through the town along the river front. The company has secured nearly all the rights of way between Cannonsburg and Wellsburg.

Potomac Valley.—The construction work on this railroad, which is the Western Maryland extension to Cherry
Run. W. Va., has been delayed by the non-arrival of an
iron bridge for the crossing at Conococheaque creek, near
Williamsport. The bridge material will be forwarded
in a few days, and it is then expected to push the work
rapidly. The grading of the line, with few exceptions,
has been completed. All the masonry work at the Potomac river is finished.

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Puget Sound & Pacific Ocean.—The standard gauge road bought by this company from the Mason Central is now in operation for eight miles through Mason County, Washington. The right of way has been cleared for two miles additional, and is ready for the grading. The contract to complete this section will be let very soon, and the grading is to be finished before April 1. Surveys have been made and right of way secured for a 12-mile extension southwest to a connection with the new line of the Northern Pacific between Olympia and Aberdeen, Wash. The contracts for clearing and grading this section will be let in April, and it is proposed to begin the clearing and grading before April 15. There is no bonded indebtedness on the road at present, but a small issue will probably be authorized when the company begins to extend its line beyond the point already prepar d for grading. Edward C. Perry, of Salt Lake City, is President of the company.

Quanah & Oklahoma.—The company has been chartered in Texas by James S. Clarkson, G. M. Dodge and others. It is stated that this road will be built from Fort Worth to Quanah, and thence across Greer County through Oklahoma Territory.

Richmond & Rappahannock Valley.—This company is applying for incorporation in Virginia to build a road commencing at Richmond, and extending to deep water on the Rappahannock River or the Chesapeake Bay. The line will extend through Henrico, Hanover, King William, King and Queen, Essex and other counties.

Roanoke Valley.—A bill has been introduced in the Virginia Legislature to incorporate this company to build a road from the city of Roanoke through the counties of Roanoke and Botetourt, to a point in Rockbridge County, Virginia. The incorporators are W. P. Huff, M. C. Thomas, C. A. Moomaw, R. H. Woodrum, and others.

Rochester & Honeoye Valley.—The grading has been completed on this road, which is being built as a branch of the new Lebigh Valley line, the Buffalo & Geneva, north from Rush City to the city of Rochester, N. Y. The track is being rapidly laid, and has been completed from the junction in East Rush north to the crossing of the West Shore Railroad at Red Creek, about four miles south of Rochester.

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Salem.—Grading between the terminal points of this new Ohio road is now nearly entirely completed and the tracklaying will begin shortly. The length of the line is seven miles, extending from Salem on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, east to Washingtonville, Columbiana County, on the New York, Lake Erie & Western. Paige, Carey & Co, are the contractors for the grading and will probably also lay the track. The road was built by the sale of the Salem City bonds, and is owned by the city of Salem, O.; which has guaranteed payment of interest on the funds used in the construction of the road. The management of the road has been vested in a board of trustees consisting of B. S. Andler, President, Joel Sbort and J. M. Woodruff, who are appointed by the county court.

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SantaFe, Prescott & Phœnix.—The grading on the southern extension of this line, which was begun several months ago, near Phœnix, Arizona, has been completed for a distance of 16 miles north of that town, but no track has yet been laid. Contracts for the construction of the first 20 miles from Phœnix have been let to Redmond Toohey. A contract has recently been let to B. Lantrey & Son, of Strong City, Kan., for building 57 miles on the north end of the road from Ash Fork, where it is proposed to connect with the Atlantic & racific. The length of the line between Ash Fork and Phœnix will be about 140 miles. Surveys have been made at each end of the line and are now being connected. The company expects to complete the line now being surveyed in a year and a half. The maximum grade will be 115 ft. to the mile and the maximum curvature will be 10 degrees on the mountainous section. Five truss bridges will be built and also several important trestles. The number and length of tunnels has not yet been decided, but probably it will be necessary to do a good deal of this work. D. B. Robinson, formerly General Manager of the Atlantic & Pacific, is President of the new road, and N. R. Gibson, of Phœnix, Ariz., is the Chief Engineer.

Southampton, Greensville & Brunswick.—This company has been chartered in Virginia to build a road Inc. \$218,244 \$312.885 \$23.03 \$33.51

from a point on the Nottaway River in Southampton County, through the counties of Greensville and Bruns-wick, to a point on the Atlantic & Danville Railroad. The incorporators are E. C. Gates, Bradley L. Eaton, R. R. Sizer, R. H. Dobyns and J. P. Thomas.

Southern California.—The purchase by this company of the property and franchises of the Santa Monica Wharf & Terminal Co., is reported. The sale is said to include the transfer of 13 acres of land on a deep water harbor to the railroad, which will build a new road, starting from Inglewood on the Ballona branch, to be in operation in August.

Union Pacific.—The officers of the company in the East deny the recent reports that it is proposed resume work early in the spring on the Portland & Pug Sound road, between Portland and Tacoma, Wash. The reports emanated, they think, from people in that settion who are anxious to have the line built.

Wabash.—A mortgage was recorded last week in Indiana by the railroad company in favor of the Central Trust Co., of New York, for \$3,500.000. The mortgage was given to secure the money to be used in the construction of the extension from Montpelier to Chicago Junction. The mortgage is for 50 years, and the bonds will bear 5 per cent. interest. Heavy work on the road is being done this winter, and construction will be pushed rapidly as soon as the frost is out of the ground. It is expected to have the line completed this year. It will be about 150 miles long, the terminus being 20 miles east of Chicago at the junction with the Chicago & Western Indiana road, of which Wabash is one of the five owners. The Chicago & Erie lease expires June 30, 1892. The Wabash has paid an annual rental of 890,000, and a share of the cost of maintenance and station service and cannot do a local business. The new road will entail a fixed charge of \$175,000 per annum, but it is believed that taking local business into account the road will earn materially more than its interest cost.

Washington & Chesapeake Beach.—It is expected

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Washington & Chesapeake Beach.—It is expected that the engineers surveying the route of the proposed road to Chesapeake Bay will fluish their work early in February. They have already reached Sunderlandsville, Calvert County, which is not far from the terminus on the bay. The line, as located, begins south of Washington, D. C., near Benning's Station, on the Baltimore & Potomae Baliroad, and extends southwest via Marlboro, the only curve heing on the Patuxent River, near Mt. Calvert, Prince George's County. The road crossed the Patuxent River near Bristol at right angles. It will connect with the Baltimore line at Upper Marlboro and with the Washington Branch at Benning's.

West Memphis.—C. H. Organ, C. B. Bryan, C. W. Hunter and others, as directors, have incorporated this company to construct a railroad one and a helf miles in length in West Memphis. The capital stock is \$10,000.

West Virginia & Pittsburgh,—It is stated that this

West Virginia & Pittsburgh.—It is stated that this company will make a change in its route between Weston and Clarksburg, W. Va., the new line to follow the river the entire distance, making the road a little longer but doing away with some very heavy grades that are necessary in the present line.

winona & Southwestern.—There are a good many reports being circulated at present regarding the purchase by this company of the Mason City & Fort Dodge Railroad and concerning the route of the extension beyond Fort Dodge. There does not seem to be any evidence that any recent move has been made for the western extension. The road is now in operation to Osage, la. Recent letters from one of the officers say that the company expects to construct its line to the Missouri River at a very early day, but it is not certain that any construction work will be done this year. The route is still undecided and the terminus at the Missouri River may be either at Soux City or Omaha.

Wisconsin Central.—The report that the right of

wisconsin Central.—The report that the right of way has been secured for an extension of the Marshfield branch to Beekman, Wis., seems to have been premature. The Marshfield branch is now in operation from Marshfield west 30 miles, and surveys have been made beyond that point, but not recently. The extension of the line to Beekman would shorten the main line to the west several miles over the present route via Abbottsford. No steps have yet been taken for the construction of the line, and there is only a possibility that it will be built some time in the future.

Wytheville Belt, Atlantic & Western — A bill to incorporate this company is before the Virginia legislature. The line is to begin in Wythe or Smythe counties and extend through Rich Valley, Poor Valley or Walker's Creek Valley through Bland, Smythe, Tazewell Buchanan or other western counties, and through Wythe Grayson, Carroll, Floyd and Patrick counties.

GENERAL RAILROAD NEWS.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.—The gross earnings operating expenses (exclusive of taxes and rentsls) and net earnings of the railroad and auxiliary lines for the month of December, 1891, were as follows: Gross Oper. earn. expen.

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Roads jointly owned. At	\$2,946	,777	2,041,239	1	8905,538	6,536
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trolled	8635	,184	\$345,104		£294,080	1,328
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Atlanta & Florida.—An application for the appointment of a receiver was made in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, last week, on behalf of the bondholders, but the appointment has been deferred for a few days at the instance of the directors, who expect to arrange for funding the floating debt. The directors propose to issue second mortgage 30-year six per cent, bonds at the rate of \$4,000 per mile of road built, and if these are subscribed, to settle the company's indebtedness dollar for dollar. This new issue of bonds will make a total bonded indebtedness of \$12,000 per mile. If the reorganization is successfully carried out and the appointment of a receiver denied, it is proposed to extend the road south from Fort Valley, Ga.

Burlington & Missouri River.—A press dispatch

Burlington & Missouri River.—A press dispatch states that the company has made an agreement with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific to run its trains from East Leavenworth over the bridge of that company, and into Leavenworth, Kan.

Canadian Pacific.—The company reports gross earnings for December of \$1,914,814, and net earnings of \$886,197, an increase of \$310,559 as compared with the same month of the previous year. For the year ending Dec. 31 the gross earnings were \$20,031,195, and net earnings \$8,013,600, an increase of \$1,550,194 as compared with 1890.

1890.

Carthage & Adirondack.—The New York Central & Hudson River road has purchased this road, extending from Carthage, N. Y., on the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg, northeast to the Benson from Mines, a distance of 47 miles. The terms of the sale are not given. The road has a large lumber traffic and reaches the valuable from ore mines at Jayville and Benson. Its terminus is about 30 miles west of Tupper Lake, on the new Adirondack & St. Lawrence, and surveys have been made to connect the two lines.

Central of New Jersey.—The company reports gross earnings for December of \$1,155,407, a decrease of \$21,483 as compared with the same month of the previous year, and net earnings of \$507,572, an increase of \$5,700. For the year ending Dec. 31 the gross earnings were \$14,201.766, an increase of \$538,041 as compared with 1890, and net earnings \$6,091,817, an increase of \$184,791.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.—The earnings for December show a surplus of over half a million, being at the rate of about two-thirds of one per cent, on the capi-tal stock. The figures for December are as follows:

Gross earnings Oper. expen	1891. \$3,524,478 2:216,054	1890. \$2,815,732 1,738,501	1.	8708,746 477,553
Net earnings Fixed charges	\$1,308,424 800,000	\$1,077,231 773,516	I.	\$231,193 26,484
Surplus	8508,424	\$303,715	I.	\$204,709
For the year 1891 : Gross earnings	\$35,352,275 21,942,380	\$35,130,586 22,652,515		\$221,789 710,135
Net earnings	\$13,403,935 9,552,000	\$12,478,071 9,282,187		8931,924 269,813
Surplus	83,857,995	#3 195,884	1.	\$662,111

The company has authorized the issue of five per cent, bonds equal to 10 per cent, of the capital stock and convertible into stock. About \$4,000,000 of the bonds will be used for new equipment and the balance for terminals and other improvements.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.—The earnings for the last six months of the year were the largest ever earned for that period. The company earned in the six months almost two-thirds of the interest on the fixed charges, taxes and the seven per cent. dividend on the preferred stock. It is expected that the directors will begin the payment of dividends on the common stock out of these earnings in the second half of the fiscal year. The figures for December follow:

Gross earnings	1890. \$2,453,279 1.497,675	I.	\$638,771 221,876
Net earnings	955,603	1.	\$416,895
Six months, July 1 to Dec. 31. Gross earnings	\$15,193,420 9,566,521	I.	\$2,356,614 927,614
Net earnings 87,058,990	#5,629,899	1.	\$1,429,000

Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo.—The annual report published this week gives the gross earnings for the last fiscal year as \$3,228,526; operating expenses, \$1,765,259; net earnings from operation, \$1,521,567; surplus over expenses, \$386,033; balance of surplus, \$96,476. As compared with the previous year, there was an increase of \$207,927 in the gross earnings; of \$88,027 in operating expenses, and of \$119,890 in net earnings.

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.—The carnings or the year ending Dec. 31 were published this week, and how that the company earned the calendar year 1891 on he stock 9.21 per cent., against 10 per cent. in 1890, and .20 per cent. in 1889. The comparative figures follow:

Gross carnings Operating expenses	1891.	1890,	1889.
	841,849,754	\$40,593,344	\$38.247,621
	33,894,590	32,404,558	30,653,585
Net earnings	87.955,164	\$8,188,786	\$7,594,035
	5,418,226	5,328,494	5,222,375
Balance Betterments Balance Dividends	\$2 536,938	\$2 860,292	\$2,371.660
	121,474	240,019	223,577
	2,415,464	2.620,273	2,148,033
	1,834,000	1,834,000	1,834,000
Surplus	\$581,463	\$786,273	8314,083
	9,006,824	8,039,469	7,790,560
The company's floating			ose of 1891

Were \$7.571,712, of which \$4,335,335 have since been paid. The capital stock is \$26,200,000; bonded debt, \$3,667,000 surplus account Dec. 31, 1891, \$16,164,048.

Fizabeth, Lexington & Big Sandy.—The Chesapeake & Ohio gives notice that, having purchased from C. P. Huntington all his securities of this company, and having agreed to offer the same terms to other holders of like securities, it is prepared to receive such securities for exchange at the office of Drexel, Morgan & Co., New York, provided the securities are deposited before Feb. 20.

Grafton & Greenbrier.—The Baltimore & Ohio purchased this road at the foreclosure sale at Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 30, for \$250,000. The road has been operated for some time by that company, which owns nearly all the bonds. The line extends from Grafton southwest to Belington, W. Va., a distance of 42 miles, where a connection has recently been made with the West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh. It was built in 1884 as a narrow gauge line, but the work of changing it to standard gauge has been going on for some time.

Green Bay, Winona & St. Paul.—It is stated that the officers have decided to take up all the iron rails on the main line between Marshland and Green Bay, and on the branches. Over 125 miles are at present laid with iron rails, the balance of the road having 50 and 60-lb.

Herkimer, Newport & Poland.—The New York State Railroad Commission has approved the application of the railroad company for an increase of capital stock from \$250,000 to \$500,000. It was shown that the cost of construction and equipment of the road to date was \$522,416; that the proposed increase is rendered necessary in order to pay the floating indebtedness of the company and to pay the contractors now under contract in the building the railroad; for further equipment; and to pay for further improvements in straightening the road, taking out curves and strengthening curvers and bridges, the estimated cost of which is \$100,000.

Louisville & Nashville .- The earnings for December

Miles operated Gross earnings Oper. expen.	1891. 2,866 \$1,791,151 1,185,256	1890. 2,248 81,651,839 1,025,830	In I. I. I.	618 \$139,312 159,426
Net earnings	\$605,895	\$626,000	D.	\$20,114
Six months ending Dec Gross earnings		\$10,031,375 6,240,606	I. I.	\$1,026,798 808,101
Net earnings	\$4,012,466	83,793,760	1.	9218,697

Lynchburg & Durham.—The directors are reported to have approved the lease of this road to the Norfolk & Western, at a meeting at Lynchburg, Va., last week. This lease was reported several weeks ago as having been concluded, but the officers of the Norfolk & Western then denied that such an arrangement had been concluded, but it may have been since arranged. The road was built in 1890 and 1891 from Lynchburg, Va., south to Durham, N. C., and is about 114 miles long.

Montana Union.—Papers were filed in the United States District Court, at Helena, Mont., Feb. 2. by the Northern Pacific to prevent the directors of the Montana Union from taking any action prejudicial to the interests of that company. At present the Northern Pacific and the Union Pacific have equal traffic advantages over the road, that line being owned by both companies. But the present arrangement will expire soon. The road has a heavy traffic from the mines and smelters at Butte and Anaconda, Mont.

New York Central & Hudson River. -The following statement shows the earnings of the company for the

Three Months to Dec. 31:	ear endin	g Dec. 31:	
Gross earnings		1890, \$9,462,456 6,285,981 66	Inc. \$2,803,174 2,061,964
Net earnings Fixed charges	\$3,917,685 2,465,446	\$3,176,475 2,114,400	\$741,210 351,046
Profit Dividend	\$1,452,239 1,117,854	\$1,062,075 804,288	\$390,164 223,571
Surplus Six Months to Dec. 31; Gross earnings. Operating expenses. Per cent, expenses to earnings	1891. \$24,153,618 16,004,946	\$167,792 1890, \$18,526,691 12,523,594 67	\$166,593 lnc. \$5,626,927 3,481,444
Net earnings		\$6,003,187 4,796,400	\$2,145,483 735,975
ProfitDividend	\$3,216,295 2,234,707	\$1,896,787 1,788,596	\$1,409,508 447,141
Surplus	9990.588	818.921	8862.367

New York, Lake Erie & Western.—The following table gives the earnings for December and for the fiscal year to date:

year to date:	1891.	1890.	Inc.
Gross earnings	\$2,641,561 1,838,008	82,377,635 1,668,739	\$263,926 160,358
to the state of th	\$803,463	\$708,896	994,568
less - Proportions due to leased lines	242,725	239,189	12,536
Net earnings	8560,738	\$478,706	882,032
Gross earnings	1891. \$8,159,731 5,487,312	1890. \$7,604,798 5,036,942	Inc. \$594,933 450,370
Less - Proportions due to	\$2,712,419	\$2,567,856	\$144,563
leased lines	716,942	700,139	16,803
Net earnings	\$1,995,477	81,867,717	8127,760

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Pennsylvania.—The statement of the business of the lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie for December shows a handsome gain in the gross earnings, but an unusually heavy increase in operating expenses caused a decrease in the net of \$33,402, compared with the previous year. For the year to date, however, there was a net increase of \$257,691. The figures for December, 1891, follow:

Gross earnings Operating expenses	1891. \$5,796,829 4,234,120	1890. \$5,303,319 3,709,208		or dec. \$491,510 524,913
Net ournings	81,562,700	81,596,111	D.	#33,403

1	Year to Dec. 31: Gross earnings Operating expenses	36 6,426,841 45,947,444	\$66,202,260 41.980,554	I.\$1,224,581 I. 966,896
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All lines west of Pittsburgh and Erie for December, 1891, as compared with the same month in 1890, show a decrease in gross earnings of \$183,087, an increase in cxpenses of \$232,087, and a decrease in net earnings of \$455,774. The year 1891 as compared with 1890 shows a decrease in gross earnings of \$1,003,045, a decrease in expenses of \$1,337,130, and an increase in net earnings of \$333,491.

Union Pacific,—It is stated that the city of Omaha. Neb., is about to sue the company to recover property deeded to the corporation in 1863, which is valued at \$1,500.000. Part of the property lies along the river front and the remainder consists of lots in the wholesale business part of the town.

Wheeling & Lake Erie.—The arrangements for the use by this company of the tracks and approaches of the Wheeling Bridge & Terminal Co., including the bridge over the Ohio River at Wheeling and the new union station, were perfected last week, and the first through train between Wheeling and Cleveland was run Feb. 1.

TRAFFIC. Chicago Traffic Matters

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CHICAGO, Feb. 3, 1892.

As a result of the action of the Michigan Central in refusing to honor the tickets issued by the "Soo" line reading over the line of the former, the latter announces a cut in the rate from St. Paul to Detroit from \$16 to \$12.50, and in the same ratio on all New England points and New York. It is not likely that the St. Paul-Chicago lines will meet this cut. Ever since the "Soo" line became a factor in passenger rates there has been more or less trouble between it and the St. Paul-Chicago lines, and numerous conferences have been had in a vain endeavor to agree upon rates which would allow the latter to participate in the business. The Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic and the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Ste. Marie made through rates over the Grand Rapids & Indiana and Michigan Central which cut the rates via Chicago. The latter roads protested, and the South Shore agreed to cancel the rates. The "Soo" line declined to do so, and was consequently cut off on Jan. 30.

The Kansas lines have held several meetings in the past week to consider what action they would take in regard to the proposed tariff on fifth class freight from Missouri River points westward, ordered by the Kansas Railroad Commissioners, effective Feb. I. The tariff effects a reduction of about 20 per cent. on fifth class freight. The meeting adjourned without taking concerted action, some of the roads preferring to wait until the Commission in response to such an appeal has now announced a rehearing for Feb. 8.

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Chairman Finley has notified members of the Western Passenger Association that as there is nothing specific in the

chine compressed, carloads, between all association points,
Chairman Blanchard, of the Central Traffic Association has issued a circular letter in regard to supplies to be sent forward for Russian relief, in which he says the contributions will be limited to flour, corn and corn meal. The quantities of which he is thus far advised as going forward are approximately 100 cars shelled corn from lowa, about five car loads from Indiana, with more considerable shipment from the Northwest, the amount of which is not yet stated.

St. Louis lines are endeavoring to obtain a differential on passenger business between Kansas City and Buffalo as against lines via Chicago.

The Eastern lines are now exchanging business with the Alton, and all traces of the late unpleasantness are fast disappearing.

Passenger fares between Memphis and New York City were reduced this week to \$12.50.

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Two Pullman conductors have been on trial at Shreveport, La., for violating the law requiring accommodations for black passengers separate from those for whites.
The conductors have been convicted in one trial, but the
suit is being made a test case.

The Southern Pacific has given notice in the Transcontinental Association of its withdrawal from the commission agreement, and Chairman Vining has ruled that
it is in violation of the agreement and forbids other lines
from paying excessive commissions to meet this competition.

The Illinois Central is getting up an excursion from

10,965; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 10,671; Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City, 8,657. This makes a total of 145,746 cars.

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The manufacturer who does not ship his product by the train load, in elaborately ornamented cars, is now sadly behind the times. The latest exploit in this line is a solid train of 17 carloads of soap from Denver to Fort Worth. Forty-eight cars of "Sunbeam cultivators" from Sprigfield, O., have just passed through St. Louis on their way to Kansas City and Little Rock.

A discussion of the free pass evil in Massachusetts has led to the presentation of a bill in the Legislature, giving members of that body \$2\$ mileage each way to cover the whole of a yearly session. This would permit the members living from 75 to 190 miles away from the capital to go to and from their homes daily throughout an ordinary session. The provision of the new Kentucky constitution prohibiting passes has caused much discussion in that state, and members of the legislature have tried to formulate resolutions that would enable them to get around the law more or less completely.

Chairman Smith, of the Trans-Missouri Passenger Association, recently fined the Burlington \$100 for holding a regular train to accommodate a theatrical party, claiming the holding of the train was a violation of the agreement in practically making a "special" train of it. The complaint was entered by the Missouri Pacific, which claims that it could have taken the party on a later regular train had not the Burlington held its train. The Burlington in defense claims a contract by which it would have taken the party anyway and would have been obliged to run a special unless they had held the regular train. It will probably appeal from the decision and make a test case of it.

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Some of the New York reporters have pried into the passenger affairs of the Trunk Lines and claim to find that there is a good deal of difficulty in adjusting the percentages of westbound traffic over the different roads. It appears that a division of first and second-class passengers has been agreed upon, with the proviso that inequalities shall be evened up by the diversion of emigrant passengers. It is said that the New York Central gets from two to seven per cent, more high-class passengers than are allotted to it, and that there are not enough emigrants to make the desired adjustment, a large proportion of them being secured by unauthorized agents for the weaker roads, the business thus not coming into the allotment. The percentage agreement is said to be as below. It is understood to include business to and beyond Western termini of trunk lines:

New York Central.

New York Central										.,				.,				33
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Pennsylvania																		26
Baltimore & Obio																		9.7
Total																		100

Washington Lumber Business

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Mr. A. H. Anderson, one of the principal owners of the Washington Southern railroad, the largest logging road on Puget Sound, says, in an interview in The Timberman, that the eight-cent reduction in rates on lumber from Washington mill points to the Mississippi river, will not probably improve trade with eastern points much, as it is not great enough. He does regard as important, however, the concession made recently by the Eastern traffic associations, whereby long stuff to the length of 100 ft. will be transported across the continent. Continuing he said: "This eight-cent reduction will help shingles, as it will allow them to be transported to the Mississippi River for 47 cents, where it cost 55 cents before. For lumber, however, the maximum will have to be 35 cents to allow us to compete with the Southern States and Minnesota, Wisconsia and Michigan. Even if the rates were down to 35 cents we could not ship anything but the higher grades of long stuff, and any road would have to have a special equipment, mostly flat cars, which would be returned empty.

There has been a great deal of talk about the benefit the Nicaragua canal will be to the lumber trade on this coast, but I do not see how it can be developed much if present conditions prevail. Lumber is the cheapest and coarsest freight that goes out of the sound. Towing now costs, from Cape Flattery to the mills and back to the ocean, from 6 to 10 per cent. of the gross value of the cargo. As I understand it, it will cost fully 15 per cent. to tow through the proposed canal and a ship can better afford to go around the Horn, equipped with cheap sailors, than to pay such an enormous tow. I was told in Tacoma that the whaleback would load a return cargo of lumber at the St. Paul Lumber Company's wharf, and I shall watch this voyage with a good deal of Interest, because the whaleback consumes very little fuel, and she can save not only the towing charges incident to Puget Sound, but also at the end of the voyage, so I look upon the

Eastbound Freight Shipments.

The shipments of eastbound freight Lom Chicago by all the lines for the week ending Jan. 30 amounted to 96,812 tons, against 105,486 tons during the preceding week, a decrease of 8,674 tons, and against 77,344 tons during the corresponding week of 1891, an increase of 19,488 tons. This includes flour, grain and lumber. The proportions carried by each road were:

	continental Association of its withdrawal from the com- mission agreement, and Chairman Vining has ruled that it is in violation of the agreement and forbids other lines		Wk. to	Jan. 30.	Wk. to	Jan. 23.
75	from paying excessive commissions to meet this competition. The Illinois Central is getting up an excursion from	Roads.	Tons.	P. c.	Tons.	P. c.
7 5 2 e	St. Paul and other Western cities to Havana, Cuba, with a view to increasing the shipments of flour to Cuba. It is said that 50 to 100 millers will go on the excursion, starting Feb. 25. The duty on flour imported into Cuba has been reduced from \$5.83 per 200 lbs. to \$1. The Western New York Car Service Association has taken in the Philadelphia & Erie road, and all stations between Buffalo and Brocktou on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, the New York, Chicago & St. Louis.	Michigan Central. Wabash. Lake Shore & Michigan South. Pitta. Ft. Wayne & Chicago. Pitts. Cin. Chicago & St. L. Baltimore & Ohio. Chicago & Grand Trunk. New York, Chic. & St. Louis. Chicago & Erie.	7,455 15,583 11,592 9,481 9,721 7,455	15.9 7.7 16 1 15.1 9.8 10.0 7.7 9.0 8.7	17,802 6,802 18,957 11,785 11,806 8,716 10,725 9,04 10,230	16.7 6.2 18.0 11.2 11.2 8.3 10.2 8.5 9.7
100	and the Western New York & Pennsylvania. The Alabama Car Service Association has taken in 11 impor- tant towns not heretofore covered.	Total	96,812	100.0	105,486	100.0
.0212	The following statement shows the number of cars of freight shipped east from Kansas City during 1891, and the proportion taken by each road: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, 30,924 cars; Burlington. 22.139: Chicago & Alton, 18,827; Missouri Pacific, 15,715; Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis, 14,568; Rock Island, 13,880; Wabash,		uffs, 6,6 4 tons bilt line	46 tons hides	and 3,0 ied 41 p	meats, 98 tons er cent.

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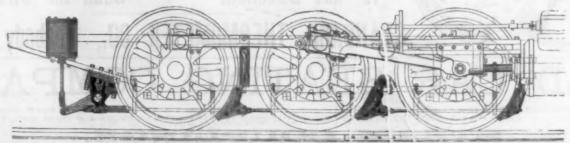
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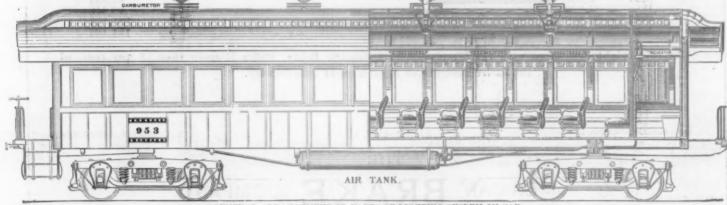
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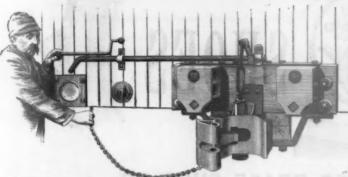
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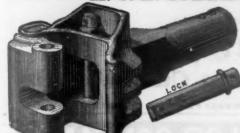
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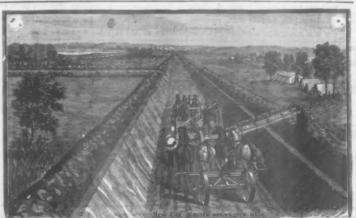
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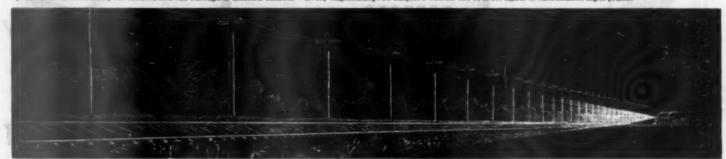
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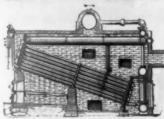
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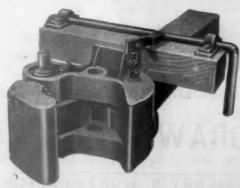
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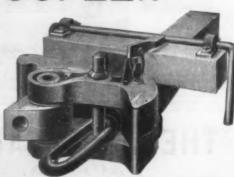
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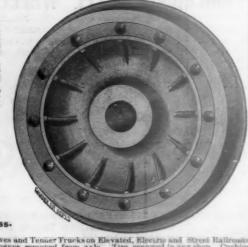


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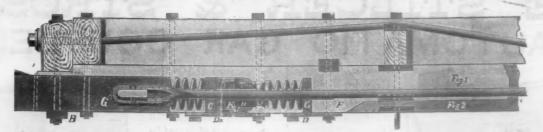
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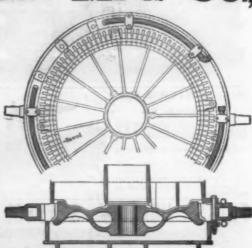
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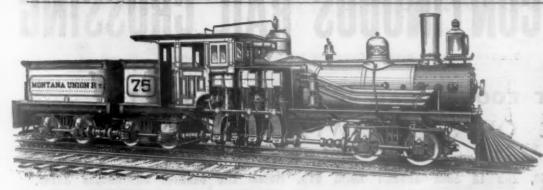
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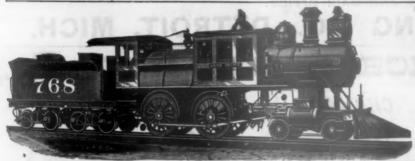
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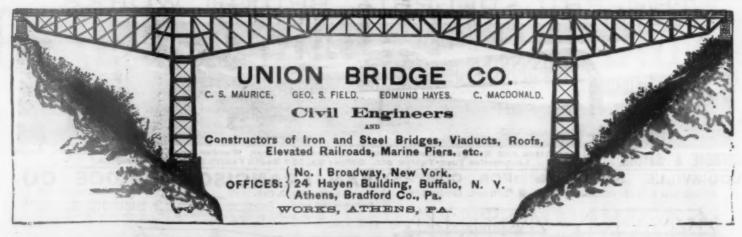
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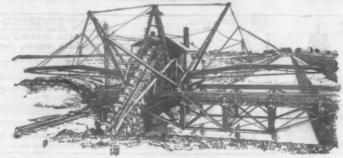
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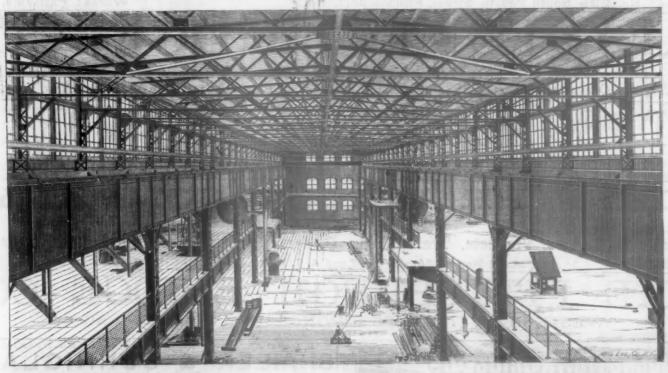
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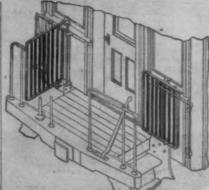
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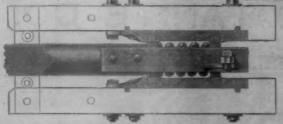
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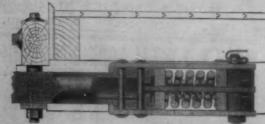
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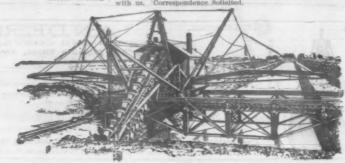
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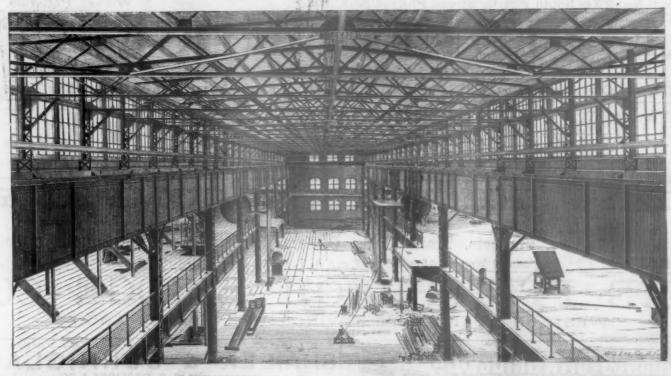
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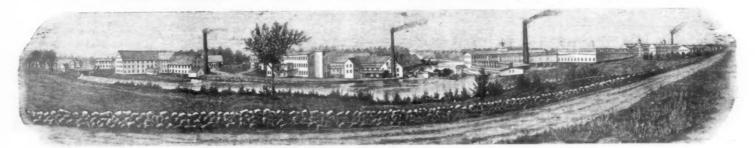




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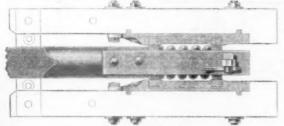
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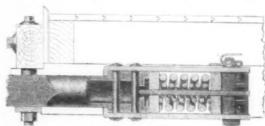
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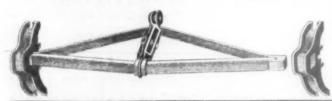
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